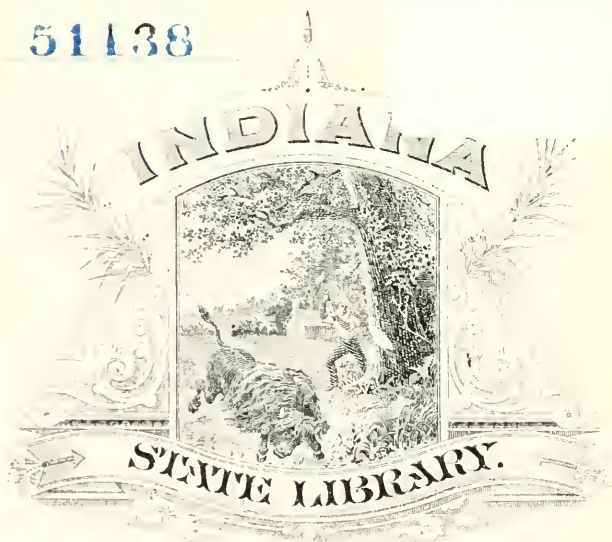


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SENATE,
OF THE
STATE OF INDIANA,
BEING THE
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OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
BEGUN AND HELD AT CORYDON, IN SAID STATE,
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Begun and held at Corydon, in the county of Harrison, on Monday the sixth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen; the following Senators appeared in the Senate Chamber and took their seats, to wit;—

From the Counties of Wayne and Randolph.—Patrick Baird.

From the Counties of Clark and part of Floyd.—James Beggs.

From the Counties of Harrison, Crawford and part of Floyd.—Dennis Pennington.

From the Counties of Gibson and Pike.—Isaac Montgomery.—

And the following members also appeared and severally produced their credentials and were sworn into office as Senators for the State of Indiana, to wit:—

From the County of Dearborn.—John Gray.

From the Counties of Vanderburg, Posey, Warrick,

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Spencer and Perry.—Elisha Harrison.

From the Counties of Switzerland, Jefferson, Jennings and Ripley—William Cotton.

From the Counties of Franklin and Fayette.—William C. Drew.

From the Counties of Washington, Orange, Jackson, Lawrence, and Monroe.—Alexander Little.

The Senate then proceeded to elect a President pro tem. when James Beggs was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore*, and took his seat accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

The Senate then proceeded to elect a Secretary, when Henry Hurst, was declared to be duly elected Secretary to the Senate, and took the oath of office accordingly.

The House then proceeded to the election of Door Keeper, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that Henry Batman was unanimously elected door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That Henry Batman be informed that he is elected Door Keeper to this House, and thereupon he appeared in the Senate, and was sworn into office.

On motion.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison be appointed a committee to inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has met, and that they have appointed James Beggs Esq. President *pro tem.* Henry Hurst Secretary, Henry Batman Door Keeper, and are ready to proceed to Legislative business.

On motion made and seconded,

Ordered, that Dennis Pennington, Patrick Baird and Isaac Montgomery, be appointed a Committee for elections.

On motion,

Ordered, That the credentials of John Gray, William C. Drew and Elisha Harrison, be referred to the

committee of Elections, and that they report thereon respecting the legality of their elections.

Mr. Pennington from the committee of Elections, reported, that they have had credentials under consideration, and find that Alexander Little, is duly elected in the place of John De Pauw resigned, Elisha Harrison in the room of Nathliff Boone resigned, and William C. Drew, William Cotton, and John Gray, for three years from the second day of August last past.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in said report.

On motion,

Ordered, That this House adjourn till 2 o'clock this evening, and the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock, P. M.

House met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered. That the rules adopted for the government of this House, in the last session, be adopted for their government at the present session.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the House proceed to the appointment of a Committee of Ways and Means, whereupon, Dennis Pennington and Alexander Little were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham,—Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that a quorum of that House has met, have elected Williamson Dunn, their Speaker, Wm. W. Wick, their Clerk, A. B. Holland, Door Keeper, and are ready to proceed to Legislative business, and retired.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dunbar,—Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives, to desire the presence of the

Senate, in the Representative Chamber, whilst the Rev. Mr. Shrader, opens the present Session of the Legislature by solemn prayer,—and then retired.

The Senate attended in the Representative Chamber, whilst the Rev'd. Mr. Shrader, opened the present Session of the Legislature, by a solemn and appropriate address to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and then they returned into the Senate Chamber.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomasson,—Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives; to request the attendance of the Senate, in the Representative Chamber, at four o'clock this evening, to count the votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor,—and then retired.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomasson,—Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have appointed William P. Thomasson and Joseph Warner, a Committee on their part, to act with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate to wait on His Excellency the Governor and inform him, that both Houses have met, formed a quorum, and are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make them; to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then retired.

On motion of Mr. Penn ngton,

Ordered, That the resolution of the House of Representatives, be concurred in.

Whereupon, William C. Drew and Elisha Harrison, were appointed a Committee to join the Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait on the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of both Houses have met, and are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make them, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof, and to know of him, the time and place he may be pleased to make the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to act jointly with a similar Committee to be appointed by the House of Representatives, to prepare and lay before their respective Houses, joint rules for the government of each, during the present session.

Whereupon, Dennis Pennington and Alexander Little, were appointed that Committee.

Ordered, That the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Baird,

Ordered, That William Cotton and William C. Drew, be appointed a Committee for enrolled Bills on the part of this House, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

Mr. Harrison from the joint Committee appointed on the part of this House to wait on the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of both Houses have met, and are ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make, have performed that duty and received for answer, that he would on to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, meet both Houses in the Representative Chamber, and deliver his Message.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar,—Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to act in conjunction with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to receive proposals for the printing the laws and journals of this General Assembly, and that on their part, they have appointed Messrs. Dunbar, Allen, Ross, Graham and Morgan, that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the above resolution.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That Isaac Montgomery, Dennis Pennington, and Alexander Little, be appointed a committee jointly with the Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, to receive proposals for the printing of the Laws and Journals of this General Assembly, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross,

Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have appointed Messrs. Ross and Milroy, a Committee to act jointly with the Committee appointed by the Senate, to prepare and lay before the House joint rules for the government thereof.

Mr. Pennington, from the joint Committee appointed on the part of both Houses, to prepare joint rules for the government thereof, reported that the Committee had had that subject under consideration, and that they had adopted the joint rules of the last year for the government of both Houses during the present Session, and,

On motion,

The report was concurred in, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross.

Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred in the report of the joint Committee appointed on the part of both Houses to prepare and lay before both Houses, joint rules for the government thereof, and then retired.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to meet the House of Representatives this evening in their Chamber to count the votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY Morning, Dec. 7th.

The Senate met according to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross.

Mr. President.—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that they have passed the following resolution;

Resolved, That a Committee for enrolled bills be appointed, and that Messrs. Ross, Dunbar, Merrill, Evans and Hay be that Committee, and desire a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have adopted the following resolution.

Resolved; That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House, to act with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, with instructions to draft a memorial to Congress, praying that an additional Land Office be established at some suitable place in this state, and have appointed Messrs. Graham, Merrill and Lindley, that Committee, and desire the appointment of a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the resolution be concurred in, and that Messrs. Little, Drew and Harrison, be a Committee for that purpose, on the part of the Senate, and that the House of Representatives, be informed thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Re-

representatives, to inform the Senate, that they are now ready to receive the Members of the Senate, in the Representative Chamber, to hear the Message of the Governor, and then he withdrew.

Whereupon,

The Senate repaired to the Representative Chamber, where the Governor delivered the following Message,

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and
of the House of Representatives.*

AT no period perhaps, since the operation of the State Government, has the situation of the country at large been more embarrassed, nor required more of the fostering interposition of legislative support. Though our citizens generally be much less shackled with difficulties than those of adjoining States, and although we can derive from such reflection no consolation whatever, it should nevertheless stimulate us to renewed exertions, by wise and timely measures, to avert public and private distress, so far as the ultimate good of the whole will render our object practicable and proper. Under the existing pressure, the extent of which is almost unlimited, we have however ample cause to call forth our gratitude towards the Omnipotent Disposer of events, whose goodness, during the past season, has blessed us with unbounded health, the enjoyment of peace and a sufficient supply of the productions of the earth, notwithstanding the unusual season which we have experienced.

The subjects which appear to require more immediately the deliberations of the General Assembly, although limited in their number, are for the most part important to the community, and demand the united efforts of the wisdom and experience of the Legislature.

The system, under which the Revenue is assessed

and collected, requires a thorough change to insure an impartial collection, as well as prompt payment into the Treasury. The public credit must be supported, or the public faith will be materially injured. The former cannot be considered as secure, without the present system shall be materially changed, or gives place to another substantially different in its provisions. The assessment, under the present system, is unnecessarily and unreasonably delayed, which affords so much the less time for individuals to prepare for payment, and for the officer to collect the taxes. An annual assessment for state purposes might be rendered unnecessary, when one being faithfully performed, if afterwards, the owners of property subsequently becoming subject to taxation, by payment being made to the U. S. were required by law to report such property to the proper officer, for the purpose of being enrolled with like objects of taxation. The proper vouchers for the officers charged with the collection of the Revenue, should be placed in their hands as soon as practicable after the time required by law, for the annual payments into the Treasury; and their property as well as that of their securities, from the time of executing the bond required, should be held subject to the claims of the government, until they shall have been adjusted and satisfied. Such a course would render unnecessary the enactment of laws for the relief of collectors, so common to our statutes, by facilitating their collections while discharging the duties more directly connected with their official situations, and with much convenience to the people.

In the collection of the Revenue there is too much uncertainty and delay, when coercion becomes necessary, growing out of the present regulations. It is hardly to be expected that either of the Treasury officers should attend the courts, at different points throughout the State, to urge the legal measures for collection. On the part of the several prosecuting attorneys of the different counties, there is not such responsibility to the Treas-

sury Department, as to secure the punctual collection of the Revenue, in cases of delinquency. The frequent changes of those officers, by the Courts in many instances, require that all legal proceedings, necessary to our financial system, be instituted in the County, where the Seat of Government is or may be located,—where the public records will furnish, at all times, such evidence as the interest of the government may demand.

Connected with this subject, a law authorising the appointment, and defining the duties and emoluments, as may be deemed proper, of an Attorney General, is recommended to your impartial consideration. Questions frequently occur, which require the aid of legal abilities in all the branches of the Executive Department. Sometimes cases are brought up to the Supreme Court, in which the State is interested, and no officer to prosecute in its behalf. An Attorney General might be made the responsible officer, to prosecute and collect all sums due to the State from delinquent creditors or otherwise, under such regulations as may be prescribed for that purpose. To collect the revenue with certainty, and with the least distress to the community, is materially important; and it ought not to be supposed that the citizens will hesitate to defray the necessary expenses of the Government, when the public money is guarded with economy, and disposed of only as they, by their Representatives, may direct. But those who manage the monied concerns of the State should not be considered accountable for the public credit, if the necessary measures are not provided, and the power afforded to render secure such provision as may from time to time be made.

The resolution of the last General Assembly, “authorising the reception of bank notes for debts due to the State, and for other purposes,” is qualified to produce, and has in some instances produced difficulties in making payments to the Treasury. The paper of a portion of those enumerated banks have been current in one

section of the State, and entirely the contrary in another; and although such notes may have been current when the Collector received them in payment of taxes, yet in the lapse of a short period their credit may have been materially injured, and of course the Treasurer of the State neither authorised nor bound to receive them. When Collectors receive them, under the authority of the resolution, and the same instrument in such cases, requiring the Treasurer not to accept them in payment of the Revenue, any loss which must thereby accrue should be sustained by the State, and not by the public agents. Moreover, the practical operation of the resolution has given currency to depreciated foreign paper; and what is much to be regretted, has prevented the payment of the annual interest on the public debt.

The embarrassed situation of our circulating medium has produced effects distressing to the community, especially to the farming interest, and those who are indebted to the United States for the purchase of lands. The balance of trade in its operations against the western country, and the vast consumption of objects of luxury and articles of foreign manufacture, have chiefly produced the difficulties under which we labor. The late war with Great Britain, from our local and exposed situation, becoming in part the seat of war, necessarily threw into circulation among us a greater quantity of the circulating medium than we had been accustomed to witness, producing an inordinate disposition for speculation, which, together with the enormous quantities of foreign merchandize introduced into the country with the return of peace, have created numerous debts, and in some instances of considerable amount. The payments which these debts require, together with the payments to the United States for lands, have drained to a considerable degree, and will continue to draw from the country its most substantial capital; and it will be difficult to extend relief by legislative provisions without do-

ing injustice to some, or interfering with long established principles. Whether additional time shall be allowed for replevy, after judgment rendered, and the bonds arising thereon be made assignable by law; or whether the Creditor shall be obliged to accept the property of his Debtor in the discharge of his demand, at a valuation, will require the wisdom of the General Assembly to determine. If the embarrassments of the people should require the adoption of either course, both of which are encumbered with numerous difficulties, and more particularly the latter, that course ought to be preferred which would operate most impartially on the community. It cannot be presumed that present judgments can be effected by laws subsequently enacted, which would place the unforbearing creditor in a better situation than those, whose humanity and forbearance presents a different character. Besides, if the latter be once adopted, it will be difficult on the principles of justice, to ascertain the period when its operations should cease. The demands in favor of the United States on many of our citizens, which must be paid in money or subject them to consequent forfeitures, present a still greater objection to such a change in the satisfaction of debts, and will no doubt meet that attention to which it is entitled. Whenever, throughout the country, the amount of debts contracted exceed the means of payment, a general pressure must inevitably ensue, and the deleterious effects of which will extend to all the monied institutions of the country, as well as to individuals.

In this state of general pressure and alarm, the suspension of specie payments, which has become so general in the western country, has afforded an opportunity for speculation in bank paper, which has been practised upon the unwary and unadvised to an enormous extent; and it is now difficult to determine whether the situation of the banks, or the demoralizing practice of shaving

their paper, produces the greatest injuries to the community.

The State Bank at Vincennes has recently furnished such report as may develop the concerns of the Bank and its branches, which will be submitted at an early period of the Session. Whatever provisions may be deemed necessary by the General Assembly, in relation to the Banks within our own State, it will be important to have a due regard to the course of the banking institutions of adjoining States, that no advantage may thereby be taken of our own institutions; and to guard against increasing incidentally the existing difficulties.

The Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company has made considerable progress towards the accomplishment of the object of their association, and should be aided by the resources of the Government. A Township of land situated in the county of Orange, which was reserved by Congress, and afterwards granted to the State for the purpose of making Salt, has proved to be of no importance in respect to the original object, and with the consent of the general government might be sold, and the proceeds vested in Canal Stock in behalf of the State. The application of the funds arising from such a source cannot be objected to by representatives in Congress from other States, and it is hoped that the ultimate execution of an object so interesting, will attract the particular attention of the General Assembly. The dividends arising therefrom, might be directed to further objects of internal improvement, or the purposes of education, as the representatives of the United States and of this State might deem the most expedient.

The Constitution has made it "the duty of the General Assembly, as soon as circumstances will permit, to provide by law for a general system of education." The lands reserved for the use of the Seminary of Learning are vested in the Legislature, to be appropriated solely to that purpose, and it is submitted for your considera-

tion whether the location of such institution upon or near such lands, would not greatly enhance their value, and enlarge the funds for a purpose so important. It is believed that the Seminary Township, situated in Monroe county, would afford a site combining the advantages of fertility of soil with a healthy climate, as well as a position sufficiently central to the various sections of the State. To authorise the sale of a portion of those lands, under judicious regulations, would increase the value of the residue, and the sooner enable us to lay the foundation of an institution so desirable. But the proceeds of such sale, however, by the ninth article of the Constitution, is required to be, and *remain*, a fund for the exclusive purposes of literature, which indicates that the proceeds alone of such fund were intended to be subject to expenditure.

The money which has been and will be paid as an equivalent by persons exempt from militia duty, except in times of war, is required by the Constitution to be applied in equal proportion to the support of County Seminaries, and renders some Legislative provision necessary to effect such a distribution. To enlarge the means of education, by fostering the resources under the control of the General Assembly, and to hasten the period when those means may be practically and constitutionally applied, will merit your timely and judicious attention. The future reputation and prosperity of the State must greatly depend upon the means of education being generally diffused, and attended with the least possible expense. Ignorance has generally been the offspring of Despotism, and ruinous to the rights and liberties of mankind. When the exercise of the most invaluable rights, and the discharge of the important duties of freemen, are connected with ignorance and the privation of the means of education, the views which may be dictated by an honest concern for the public good are at all times liable to be thwarted by the designing and ambi-

tious. The blessings of liberty can only be appreciated, and rendered ultimately secure, when, by the means of education, useful information is generally diffused. Its importance will be obvious to the Legislature, and will no doubt, receive that consideration which its consequence and beneficial results may require.

The opening and improving of public roads and highways, presents itself, as another subject of general interest. The recent population and improvement of a considerable portion of the State, adds materially to the labor or expenditure to be sustained by the people; and with regard to the different modes which have been suggested, and the various objections to them, from being more generally acquainted with the situation of the country, and the feelings of the community, you will be better able to decide in relation thereto, what provisions, if any, should be necessary.

The Militia Law may require amendments, and particularly with regard to the time required for making returns to the office of the Adjutant-General, of the strength and situation of the Militia. Returns should be made at an earlier period, and some provision calculated the better to enforce the discharge of this duty, seems to be necessary. A want of strict attention to the inspection and return of the numbers of our Militia, has deprived the State of a considerable portion of arms, to which the State would otherwise have been entitled, under the act of Congress, making provision for arming and equipping the Militia of the United States.

Difficulties have been often experienced between officers of Infantry and Artillery, when the latter is attached to the former, either for duty or parade; and the same effects are to be expected in relation to the Dragoons, under like circumstances. Considering the number of companies of Artillery and Dragoons, to authorise the selection of a Major to command each corps, would advance the public good, by guarding against difficulties not otherwise to be avoided. It is to be la-

mented that the frequent resignations of officers, and consequent changes of command, materially retards the progress of improvement in military knowledge. Of the officers, more time should be required to be spent in the practical discharge of military duty, especially in drills of the Brigade; and, until the officers are made more familiarly acquainted with what it becomes them to teach their subordinates, it is almost useless to require of the privates their attendance at the times at present prescribed by the existing law. The business of the office of the Adj't.-General is continually increasing, and requires an additional compensation, which, under the importance of a faithful and punctual discharge of the duties attached to it, is recommended to your consideration.

The late extinguishment of Indian title to lands within our State, and the progress of the United States' surveys, require that provision should be made to select and locate a scite for the permanent Seat of Government; and the manner in which such location shall be effected, as well as the number of persons to be employed in the selection, should devolve on the General Assembly during the present Session. The extent and fertility of those lands, has induced individuals to anticipate, in their settlements, the surveys and sales of the United States, and renders it necessary that a temporary extension of limit should be given to the northern frontier counties, to facilitate the execution of the laws. The additional population which the late purchase will induce to the neighborhood of Fort Wayne, as well as the interest of the present inhabitants of that portion of the State, will occupy a portion of your deliberations.

The annual report of the Treasury Officers, will afford you a correct view of the receipts and expenditures of the Government for the year past; and I have much satisfaction in offering the assurance, that the situation of the records will meet your entire approbation. From

those exhibits, in some measure, you will be enabled to form an estimate necessary for the current year, including the interest on the public debt, which has or may become payable.

In the discharge of our relative duties, dispassionate discussions and an undeviating regard to the welfare of the State and the interest of our constituents, will, I have no doubt, characterise your deliberations; and in every purpose calculated to promote these objects, a cordial co-operation on my part will be cheerfully afforded.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

Dec. 7th, 1819.

And then the Senate returned to their Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Baird,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to contract for the printing of the Laws and Journals of both Houses be requested to contract with Brandon & M'Cullough for the printing of two hundred copies of the Governor's Message for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of a law abolishing the office of County Commissioners, and vesting the power and duty in justices of the peace in their respective counties, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Harrison, Drew, Cotton and Pennington, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Resolved, That the Senate will now proceed to the election of an assistant Clerk to the Senate, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that James Morrison was duly elected Assistant Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Senate adjourn until two o'clock,

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the House of Representatives be informed, that the Senate will this evening, at three o'clock, meet the House of Representatives, in the Representative Chamber, for the purpose of counting the votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor.

James Morrison esq. who was elected assistant Secretary to the Senate, appeared in the Senate, and was sworn into office.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Graham,

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they are ready to receive the Senate in the Representative Chamber, to count the votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and then he withdrew.

The Senate repaired to the Representative Chamber, to count the votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and after some time spent therein, returned.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomasson.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that they have adopted the following resolution,

Resolved, It is the opinion of the House of Representatives, that the return of election for Governor and Lieut. Governor, for the county of Crawford be rejected, not being sealed ; as also, the return of election for the county of Lawrence, it not being directed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives as is directed by the Constitution, and that the Senate be informed thereof; and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Cotton.

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the foregoing

resolution, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof :

And the yeas and nays being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Baird, Cotton, Drew, Gray, Harrison and Little.

And those in the negative were,

Messrs. Montgomery, Pennington and Beggs President.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Montgomery and Pennington entered their protest as follows ;

1st. Because in our opinion the members composing the Legislature, when assembled together in the Representative Chamber, were not assembled as Legislators, but as the persons described in the Constitution of the State, who shall hear the votes for Governor, (read,) and to determine whether or not the returns as made to the Speaker of the House were properly or improperly made.

2d. Because the Legislature, as a Legislature, had nothing to do with the question, in the shape it then presented itself.

3d. Because in the opinion of the protestors, the Constitution in directing the votes to be counted in the presence of both Houses of the assembly, intended it as a description of the persons who should determine who was elected Chief Magistrate, and not as vesting or in-joining any Legislative duty.

4th. Because it is inherent in all bodies created to discharge a particular trust, that they, and they alone have the power to say whether or not, the law relative to, and regulating the thing to be done is complied with or not.

5th. Because the Senate, as a Legislative body, have no power to act on the question involved in the resolution, as they could have no evidence of the facts before them, nor could they have, as the deposit of the returns

of election made with the Speaker of the House of Representatives was a special trust, and he had no right to return them to any body, nor had either branch of the Legislature in the Legislative capacity, a power over them except in the event of a contested election, nor could they be considered as evidence of any existing fact, except before the persons constitutionally appointed to declare who was elected Chief Magistrate of the State, or in the event of a contest, as before stated

DENNIS PENNINGTON,
ISAAC MONTGOMERY,

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross,

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have come to the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate be requested to meet the House of Representatives, in the Representative Chamber in order to finish counting the votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and then he retired.

The Senate in conformity to the above resolution repaired to the Representative Chamber, for the purpose of counting the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The Senate then returned to their Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the House adjourn,

And then the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th.

Senate met according to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar,

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Re-

representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have come to the following resolution,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to act in conjunction with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to wait on his Excellency Jonathan Jennings Governor elect, and his Honor Ratliff Boone, Lieut. Governor elect, to inform them that the Speaker of the House of Representatives, has declared them duly elected, and to know of them when they will take on themselves the discharge of their official duties, and that on their part they have appointed Messrs. Dunbar and Sullivan that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the above resolution be concurred in by the Senate:

Whereupon,

Messrs. Harrison and Gray were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate, to act in conjunction with Messrs. Dunbar and Sullivan of the House of Representatives, to perform the duty enjoined by the above resolution.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson,

Mr. President.—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have on their part come to the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House, to act in conjunction with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to memorialize Congress on the subject of granting further relief to persons having heretofore purchased land of the U. States, and that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered. That the above resolution be concurred in.

Whereupon,

Mr. Drew, Harrison and Cotton, were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate.

A report from R. A. New Secretary of state.
To the Honorable the President of the Senate of the
State of Indiana.

SIR,

In conformity to an existing law of the State, the Secretary thereof respectfully represents that a contract has been entered into with Reuben Little to furnish the General Assembly with fuel during the present session, at eighty seven and one half cents per day, for the performance of which bond and approved security has been given.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your ob'dt. ser'vt.
R. A. NEW.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine if any and what amendments are necessary in the law regulating the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew, Pennington and Gray were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law entitled an act to exempt certain property from execution, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Little, Drew and Cotton were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Harrison from the joint Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency Jonathan Jennings, and the Hon Ratliff Boone, and inform them that the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on counting the ballots had declared him the said Jonathan Jennings Governor elect, and the Honorable Ratliff Boone lieutenant Governor elect, for the State of Indiana, reported that they

have performed that duty, and received for answer, that they would on this day meet both Houses in the Representative Chamber, and in the presence of both Houses take the oath of office, and enter upon the duties thereof.

On motion of Mr. Drew.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act entitled an act for the relief of insolvent debtors, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise :

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew and Montgomery were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross,

Mr. President.—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that they have come to the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate be invited to take a seat in the Representative Chamber immediately, while the Governor and lieut. Governor are sworn into office, and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the foregoing resolution, and thereupon the Senate, repaired to the Representative Chamber to attend to the swearing of the Governor and lieut. Governor.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the Committee heretofore appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the Governor and lieut. Governor, be requested now to wait on the lieut. Governor, and request him to take his seat as President of the Senate.

The Honorable Ratliff Boone, lieut. Governor, then appeared in the Senate Chamber, and took his seat as President of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon:

Whereupon,
The Senate adjourned.

Wednesday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Mr. Harrison notified the Senate, that on Monday next, or some succeeding day of the present session, he would ask leave to introduce a Bill for the incorporation of one additional Medical society in the first Judicial Circuit of this State.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire what amendments are necessary to an act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named, approved January 21, 1818, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise :

Whereupon,

Messrs. Harrison, Cotton, Pennington and Drew, are appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, and

Then the Senate adjourned.

Thursday Morning, Dec. 9.

The Senate met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered. That Mr. Harrison be added to the Committee appointed by the Senate, to inquire into the expediency of amending the act, entitled an act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire,

what, if any, amendments are necessary to the act entitled an act, subjecting real estate to execution—approved, January the 7th, 1818; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew, Beggs and Baird, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Resolved, by the Senate, That a Committee be appointed, to act jointly with a similar Committee to be appointed by the House of Representatives, to examine into the situation of the office of Secretary of State, and that they make their report to their respective Houses, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof, and requested to appoint a similar Committee on their part.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pennington, Little, Gray and Montgomery, were appointed that Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That Mr. Drew be added to the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to examine the office of the Secretary of State.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar,

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that they have concurred in the resolution adopted by the Senate, appointing a joint Committee to examine the office of Secretary of State, and have on their part appointed Messrs. Dunbar, Blake, Chambers, Morgan and Merrill; and then he withdrew.

The Senate received the following communication from William H. Lilly, Esq. Auditor of Public Accounts.

The Hon. President of the Senate.

SIR—I herewith transmit you my Annual Report.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

WM. H. LILLY,

A. P. Accts.

Which Report being read,

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That the Report of the Auditor of Public Accounts lie on the table.

A message from His Excellency, the Governor, by Mr. Brandon.

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

Since the adjournment of the last Session of the General Assembly, vacancies occurred in the offices of presiding Judges, in the first, third and fourth Judicial Circuits; by the resignation of General W. Johnston, Alexander A. Meek, and David Hart. These vacancies were supplied during the recess, by the appointments of Jonathan Doty to the first, John Watts to the third, and Richard Daniel to the fourth Judicial Circuits, as presiding Judges. These appointments, however, will necessarily expire with the present Session, and will require the interposition of the General Assembly.

These frequent changes in the Judiciary, are calculated to lessen the advantages to community intended by the constitution to have been afforded. Under such circumstances, taking into view the resources of the State, the Representatives of the people will determine on that course, which may be calculated to produce the least possible disadvantage to their constituents.

There have been received for the use of the Government, a part of the Laws of the U. States, and various State Papers, as well as the Laws of some of the States; and it is important that some provision be made for an

interchange of Laws with the different States of the Union. From several of the States such requests have been made, and will be therefore entitled to the respectful attention of the Legislature.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

December 9th, 1819.

A communication from Daniel C. Lane, Treasurer of State, received by the Senate.

“TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Corydon, 9th of December, 1819.

SIR—Inclosed herewith I transmit you my Annual Report.

With sentiments of

Respect and esteem,

I am yours, &c.

DANIEL C LANE,

Treasurer of State.

Which report being read,

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That said report lie on the table.

Mr. Harrison, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of a law, abolishing the office of County Commissioners, reported by Bill, which was read the first time, and

On motion,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Harrison notified the Senate that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an act entitled an act, now in force, more effectually to prevent duelling—Approved Dec. 28, 1818.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Blake.

Mr. President—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that they have passed an act authorising a special session of the county Com-

missioners of the county of Knox, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the rules of the Senate, be dispensed with, and that said act be read a second time to-day.

Whereupon,

The act authorising a special session of the county Commissioners of the county of Knox, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

The Senate, *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Little, having been called to the Chair, and took under consideration, the act authorising the county Commissioners of the county of Knox, to hold a special session.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Committee rise and report the Bill without amendment.

The Committee then rose, and the president having resumed the Chair,

Mr. Harrison then rose, and reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the rules of the Senate, be so far dispensed with, and that the bill be read a third time.

Whereupon,

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon,

And then the Senate adjourned.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Friday Morning, Dec. 10th.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills reported that the Committee had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill entitled "An act authorising a special session of the county Commissioners of the county of Knox," and find it duly enrolled

Mr. Pennington from the joint Committee appointed on the part of both Houses to examine the situation of the Secretary of State, reported that they have performed that duty, and find that the record is kept up till the 5th day of November 1819 in good order, and the rest of the papers are kept in a neat manner.

Mr. Harrison, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a Bill to amend an act entitled "an act more effectually to prevent duelling," which was read the first time to-day, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives, has this day signed the following enrolled bill, viz: "An act authorising the board of county Commissioner of Knox county, to hold a special session" and handed the said Bill to the President of the Senate, who signed the same, and delivered it to the Committee of enrolled Bills, to be carried to the Governor, for his approbation and signature.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House, to act with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to inquire into the expediency of revising the State Laws of this State, and that the same Committee

inquire into the most proper method of effecting the same, and that they report their proceedings to their respective Houses.

Ordered, That *Messrs. Harrison, Cotton, Drew and Pennington*, be a Committee of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Governor's *Message*.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee of the whole according to order, had under their consideration the Governor's *Message*, and come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's *Message* as relates to the *Military*, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's *Message* as relates to the *Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company* be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's *Message* as relates to the location of a permanent seat of Government be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's *Message*, as relates to the circulating medium, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's *Message*, as relates to the *Bank of Vincennes* be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's *Message* as relates to a general system of education, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's *Message*,

as relates to public roads and highways, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the appointment of an Attorney General, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the above resolution.

A message from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Brandon, his private Secretary.

To the Hon'ble.

The Senate and House of Representatives.

Herewith, will be submitted to the General Assembly, copies of the communication received from the State Bank, and referred to in my message of the 7th instant; together with copies of resolutions, and a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States received from the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania.

The object of the proposed amendment, is to take from the Congress of the United States, the power of establishing any Bank, or monied institutions, except their location be confined to the limits of the District of Columbia.

Such a proposition, emanating from a source so respectable, and embracing a subject of the highest importance, is recommended to your particular attention.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

Which communication having been read,

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the report of the Bank of Vincennes, State Bank of Indiana, lie on the table—And, that the communication from the Governor of Pennsylvania, referred to in the message of His Excellency Gov. Jennings, be spread upon the Journals of the Senate, and

that the subject matter therein contained, be referred to a select Committee.

Communication from His Excellency William Findlay, Governor of Pennsylvania, to His Excellency Gov. Jennings.

Harrisburg, November 2d, 1819.

SIR—In pursuance of the directions of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, I have the honor herewith to transmit to you a copy of Resolutions, which they adopted on the 29th of March last, in relation to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and to request your Excellency to lay before the Legislature of the State over which you preside, and respectfully solicit your co-operation in procuring the adoption of the contemplated amendment.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's ob't, serv't.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

To His Excellency,

The Governor of the

State of Indiana,

at Vincennes.

Chapter IX.

"That all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness," are the fundamental principles of republicanism.

To prevent the peace, safety and happiness of the people from being endangered, political orthodoxy teaches that they ought never to delegate a power which they can exercise with convenience themselves.

In proportion as the Capital of a monied institution is increased its branches extended, and its direction removed from the body of the people, so also will be increased its power, and inclination to do evil, and to tyrannise.

Therefore,

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the following amendment be proposed to the Constitution of the United States, to wit:

Congress shall make no law to erect or incorporate any Bank, or other monied institution, except within the District of Columbia, and every Bank or other monied institution which shall be established by the authority of Congress, shall together with its branches and offices of Discount and Deposit, be confined to the district of Columbia.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their exertions to procure the adoption of the foregoing amendment.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing preamble, proposed amendment and resolutions, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and also to transmit like copies to the Executives of the several states, with a request that they lay the same before the Legislatures thereof, soliciting their co-operation in procuring the adoption of the foregoing amendment.

REES HILL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives,

ISAAC WEAVER,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the twenty ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

Mr. Little, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act exempting certain property from execution, reported thereon by Bill, which was read the first time to day.

Mr. Pennington moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, and the yeas and nays being called for by

two members, those who voted in the affirmative were, Messrs. Beggs, Pennington and Gray.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Cotton, Drew, Montgomery, Harrison and Little, and so it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The bill to abolish the office of county Commissioners, and to vest them several powers and duties in justices of the peace, was read a second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Evans a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the House concur in the resolution from the Senate, appointing a Committee on the part of the Senate, to correspond with a similar Committee, to be appointed on the part of this House, to inquire into the expediency of revising the Statute Laws of this State, and that they have appointed the Judiciary Committee, on the part of this House, and that the Senate be informed thereof; and then he withdrew.

Messrs. Harrison, Little, and Gray, are appointed a select Committee, on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the Military.

Messrs. Cotton, Baird, Gray, Pennington, Beggs and Harrison, are appointed a select Committee, on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the locating the permanent seat of Government.

Messrs. Little, Beggs, Cotton, Harrison and Baird, are appointed a select Committee, on so much of the

Governor's Message, as relates to a general system of education.

Messrs. Pennington, Harrison, Cotton, Drew, Gray, Beggs and Montgomery, are appointed a select Committee, on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the Bank of Vincennes.

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Drew and Little, are appointed a select Committee, on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company.

Messrs. Drew, Harrison, Biard and Pennington, are appointed a select Committee, on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the circulating medium.

Messrs. Biard, Gray, Cotton, Harrison, Little and Pennington, are appointed a select Committee, on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to Public Roads and Highways.

Messrs. Drew and Cotton, are appointed a select Committee, on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the appointment of an Attorney General.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Communication, as contains the resolution of the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, on the subject of the Bank of the United States, and its branches, and an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, be referred to a select committee, with leave to report thereon by Bill, Resolution, or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Harrison, Drew, Cotton and Montgomery, were appointed that Committee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning 9, o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 11th.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Beggs.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison a member, have leave of absence until Saturday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson a member.

Mr. President.—I am instructed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled “an Act for the benefit of George White,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, which having been read.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Bill, be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the report of the President and Directors of the State Bank of Vincennes, be referred to the Committee appointed, on so much of the Governor’s Communication, as relates to the State Bank of Indiana, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

The Bill to repeal “an Act exempting certain property from execution,” was read the second time to day.

And on motion of Mr. Beggs.

Ordered, That the Senate resolve itself into Committee of the whole on the Bill to repeal “an Act exempting certain property from execution,” Mr. Montgomery in the Chair, and after some time spent thereon Mr. President resumed the Chair, Mr. Montgomery reported the Bill without amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and on the question being put,

Will the Senate concur in the amendment,

It was decided in the affirmative.

And on motion of Mr. Pennington,

Resolved, That said Bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Bill to amend an act entitled “an act more ef-

fectually to prevent duelling," was read a second time to day, and

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the said Bill, be referred to a committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 20th inst.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had this day presented to His Excellency the Governor, for his approbation and signature, "an act authorising a special session of the county Commissioners of the county of Knox."

Mr. Drew gave notice that he would on Monday next, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend an act entitled "an act to exempt certain property from being subject to execution,"—Approved Dec. 24th, 1818.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until Monday next, 9 o'clock,

Monday Morning, Dec. 13th.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Little from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to act with a similar Committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, on the subject of drafting a memorial to Congress, praying for an additional Land office in this State, reported, that the Committee had had the same under consideration, and had drafted a memorial on that subject, which would be reported to the House of Representatives, and laid before the Senate in due time.

The engrossed Bill for the relief of George White, was according to order, read a second time to day.

Then Mr. Pennington, moved that the Bill with its accompanying documents, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-day.

Whereupon,

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for the relief of George White,

Mr. Little in the Chair, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Little reported, that the Committee had had the Bill for the relief of George White, under consideration, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and on the question being put,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments?

It was decided in the affirmative: and

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Resolved, That the said Bill be indefinitely postponed.

Ordered, That Mr. Begg inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Drew, according to previous notice, given, this day introduced a Bill, to amend "an act to exempt certain property from execution," which being read:

On motion,

Ordered, That said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Pennington, asked for, and obtained leave to introduce a resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, in the Senate of the United States, which being read,

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

And the Senate adjourned.

Monday afternoon, Dec. 13th.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

And the Senate adjourned.

Tuesday, 14th Dec.

The Senate assembled according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of amending an act entitled an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Gray and Drew, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to procure for the use of the Senate, an additional writing Table.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee, appointed to inquire what amendment if any, was necessary to the act entitled "an act regulating the jurisdiction of justices of the Peace," approved January the 28th, 1812, reported by Bill, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing a joint resolution authorising the reception of Bank notes for debts due the

State, and for other purposes; Approved, December 16, 1818, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Little and Cotton, were appointed the Committee.

The Bill to amend an act entitled "an act to exempt certain property from being subject to taxation," was read the second time to-day, and

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on said Bill, and be made the order of the day for to-day.

The resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor in a certain case, in the Senate of the United States, was read a second time to-day; and

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on said resolution, and be made the order of the day of to-day.

Whereupon,

The Senate resolved itself into Committee of the whole on said resolution :

Mr. Baird in Chair, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. President resumed the Chair,

When Mr. Baird from the Committee of the whole reported that the Committee had according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and had adopted the resolution with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate,

And on the question being put,

Will the Senate concur in the amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative: and

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That said resolution be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Beggs asked for, and obtained leave to introduce a memorial to Congress on the subject of School Sections, which being read.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the said memorial be read a second time to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Little,

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the Bill for amending the act entitled "an act to exempt certain property from being subject to execution;"—Approved, 24th December, 1818.

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. President resumed the Chair, and

Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had under their consideration the Bill to amend the act entitled "an act exempting certain property from being subject to execution," had made some amendments thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and on the question being put.

Will the Senate concur in the amendments?

It was decided in the affirmative, and

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Baird gave notice, that he would on Thursday next, or some subsequent day, of the present session, ask leave to introduce a Bill, to prevent Clerks of Circuit Courts, and Deputy Clerks, from practising at law, in the county where they act as Clerks.

Mr. Cotton gave notice, that he would on Monday next, ask leave to introduce a Bill, to repeal the act now in force for the appointment of county Treasurer, and vest that power in the Sheriffs of their respective counties.

On motion,

Ordered. That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 15th.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Pennington, from the joint Committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to receive proposals for the publishing the Laws and Journals of the present session of the General Assembly, reported that the Committee had received R. W. Nelson & I Cox's, proposals for printing the Laws of the present session, and have received Brandon & M'Cullough's proposals for printing the Bills, Laws and Journals of the present session, and had also received E. & W. Patrick's proposals for printing the Laws & Journals of the present session, and now lay them before the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Resolved, That the proposals of Brandon & M'Cullough, be accepted for printing the Journals and Bills of the present session, and that the proposals of R. W. Nelson & Cox, for printing the laws of the present session, be also accepted, and that a Committee on the part of the Senate be appointed, to act with a similar Committee, to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to take bond and security from each of the parties, payable to the Governor of this State, and his successors in office, for the faithful performance of their respective contracts.

Whereupon.

Messrs. Pennington and Beggs, were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate, and that Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham a member.

Mr. President,—I am instructed by the House of

Representatives, that they have passed a memorial to Congress, praying for the establishment of an additional Land office in this State, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, which having been read.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the said memorial be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Evans.

Mr. President—I am instructed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, they have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled “an act granting certain powers to the administrators of Joseph Adams dec’d.” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, which being read.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery.

Ordered, That said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Gray moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution disapproving of the vote of the honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, until Saturday next, and on the question, shall the further consideration of this resolution, be postponed until Saturday next, the ayes and noes being called for by a member,

Those who voted for the postponement, were

Messrs. Baird, Gray, and Montgomery.

Those who voted against it, were

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Little, and Pennington, so it was decided in the negative.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. ———,

Ordered, That the engrossed resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor in a certain case, be read a third time.

And the same having been read the third time, and the question being asked,

Shall this resolution pass?

The Senate.

And the yeas and nays being called for by two members.

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Little and Pennington.

And in the negative,

Messrs. Gray and Montgomery, and so the resolution passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the title be a resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dunbar.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred in the resolution, which originated in the Senate, accepting the proposals of Brandon & McCullough, for printing the bills and journals, and the proposals of Messrs. Nelson & Cox, for printing the Laws of the present session of the General Assembly, and have appointed Messrs. Dunbar and Milroy that Committee on their part, to take the necessary bonds from them respectively for the completion of the work ; and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine the books of the Auditor and Treasurer of State, and report the result of their examination to this House.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew, Pennington, Beggs and Montgomery, were appointed that Committee.

The engrossed bill, to amend an act entitled "an act to exempt certain property from being subject to execution," was read the third time and passed.

And the question being, what shall the title be?

It was decided that it be "an act to amend an act to exempt certain property from being subject to execution."

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof; and desire their concurrence therein.

The Bill to amend an act, entitled "an act regulating the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," approved January the 28th, 1818, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The resolution praying for school sections, in certain sections of the State, was read a second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That it be reported to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Little, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the joint resolution for the reception of bank notes for debts due the State, and for other purposes, reported thereon by bill, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying for an additional Land office, was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The Bill to abolish the office of county Commissioners, and to vest their several powers and duties in Justices of the Peace, was read a second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of the

whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 3 o'clock this evening.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of *Mr. Beggs*.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to instruct Messrs. Brandon & *M'Cullough*, to print two hundred copies of the Journals of the Senate.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Beggs and Pennington were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Drew, gave notice that, he would on Friday next, introduce a Bill to authorise the printing and distributing the acts and Journals of the present General Assembly.

On motion of *Mr. Little*,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Thursday Morning, Dec. 16.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Baird, agreeably to notice, this day, introduced a Bill concerning Clerks of Courts, and their Deputies, which was read the first time.

On motion of *Mr. Little*,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill to amend an act en-

title an act regulating the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, approved January 28th, 1848.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein, the Committee rose.

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported that they had had the above Bill under consideration, and that he was directed to report the same without amendments, and

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The memorial of the General Assembly, praying the establishment of a Land Office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson, was read a second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-day.

Whereupon,

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the above memorial.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Committee rose.

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird, reported that they had the memorial of the General Assembly, to Congress, praying the establishment of an additional Land Office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson, under consideration, and had adopted the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the report of the Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Bill to repeal a joint resolution, for the reception

of Bank notes for debts due the State, and for other purposes, was read a second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, granting certain powers to the administrators of Joseph Adams, dec'd. was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Honorable William Polke, a Senator from the counties Knox, Sullivan, Davies, Vigo and Owen, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Friday Morning, Dec. 16th.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

The House resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the Bill granting certain powers to the administrators of Joseph Adams, dec'd.

Mr. Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Committee rose.

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Polke, reported, that they had the Bill granting certain powers to the administrators of Joseph Adams, dec'd. and adopted the same without amendments.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read and concurred in, and that Mr. Montgomery inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Evans a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have passed an act vacating a part of the Town of Princeton, and for other purposes, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Maddox a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have passed an act for the benefit of Widows, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The Bill to amend an act, entitled an “an act regulating the jurisdictions and duties of Justices of the Peace,” approved January, 28th. 1818, was read the third time to day, and the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Cotton, Drew, Gray, Little and Montgomery.

And in the negative,

Messrs. Beggs and Pennington,

And so the Bill passed, and that the title be an act entitled “an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of Justices of the Peace;” Approved January, 28th, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, they have passed a memorial to Congress, on the subject of changing the terms of the sales of Public Lands, to which they de-

sire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Grass.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, they have passed an act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, decd. and for other purposes, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The Senate according to order, resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill to repeal the joint resolution for the reception of bank notes for debts due the State, and for other purposes.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs, reported, they have the same under consideration, and made some progress therein, and asked leave to set again.

The Bill concerning Clerks of Courts, and their Deputies, was read a second time to-day, and

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Pennington, from the Committee appointed on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to fixing a permanent Seat of Government, reported thereon by Bill, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives for the benefit of Widows, was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The memorial to Congress, on the subject of altering

the terms of sale of the Public Lands, was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, for the relief of the securities of John Upham, dec'd. was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the above Bill be read a second time to day.

Whereupon,

The Bill was read a second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That it be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, to vacate a part of the town of Princeton, was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till two o'clock this evening.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Polke presented the petition of the administrators of William Jones, dec'd. which was read.

On motion of Mr. Polke,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select Committee, to report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs Polke and Montgomery, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Drew, according to previous notice given, this day asked and obtained leave, to bring in a Bill, to

authorise the printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present General Assembly, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion of *Mr. Beggs*.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, until to-morrow morning. 10 o'clock,

And the Senate adjourned.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 18th

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, for the relief of the securrities of John Upham dec'd. was read the third time to-day, and concurred in.

Ordered, That *Mr. Montgomery* inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Milroy*.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have passed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, relative to the establishment of a bank by the Congress of the United States, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

On motion, of *Mr. Beggs*.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the memorial to Congress, on the subject of School Sections.

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

And *Mr. Montgomery* reported, that they had the same under consideration, made some amendments

thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of *Mr. Beggs*,

Ordered, That the Senate concur therein.

On motion of *Mr. Beggs*,

Ordered, That the memorial to Congress, on the subject of School Sections, be engrossed for a third reading on *Monday* next.

On motion of *Mr. Baird*,

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill concerning Clerks of Courts and their deputies.

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Pennington* reported, that they had the same under consideration, have made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate, and on the question being put,

Will the Senate concur in the report of the Committee of the whole, on the Bill concerning Clerks of Circuit Courts, and their Deputies, it was decided in the affirmative, and so the report was concurred in.

On motion of *Mr. Little*,

Ordered, That the above Bill be recommitted to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Little, Cotton and Baird, were appointed that Committee.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, for vacating part of the town of Princeton, and for other purposes.

Mr. Little in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Little* reported, that according to order,

they had the same under consideration, and have made no amendment thereto.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

The Bill to vacate part of the town of Princeton, was read the third time, and concurred in.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Bill authorising the printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present General Assembly, was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, for the benefit of Widows, was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, on Monday next.

The Bill authorising the appointment of Commissioners to select a site for the Permanent Seat of Government, was read a second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the memorial to Congress relative to the change of terms, in the sale of Public Lands.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird reported, that they had had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate, and the question being put, will the Senate concur in the amendments

made in the Committee of the whole, to the above memorial, it was decided in the affirmative, and on the question being put.

Will the Senate concur in the resolution as amended? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs. Cotton, Drew, Gray, Little, Montgomery and Pennington.

In the negative,

Mr. Polke.

And so the resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have passed a Bill, authorising the appointment of Trustees, to receive deeds for lots of land given or purchased for the use of Schools or Meeting Houses, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Gray.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed the memorial to Congress, praying an additional Land Office to be located at Brownstown;—I am directed to lay it before the Senate, for the signature of the President.

The President of the Senate, having signed the same, it was delivered to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to be transmitted to Congress.

Mr. Gray, give notice, that he would on Monday next, or some other day in the next week, ask leave to bring in a Bill, authorising the opening a State Road,

leading from the town of Lawrenceburg, to the old boundary line.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till Monday next, 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Monday Morning, Dec. 20th.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Drew, from the Committee appointed to examine the books of the Auditor and Treasurer of State, reported that they had examined the books of the Auditor of Public accounts, and Treasurer of State, and compared the several entries therein, with the vouchers, and find the same accurate, & that the books in both offices are kept in a neat, and a handsome manner.

On motion of Mr Baird,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to take into consideration, the propriety of passing a law, to establish the permanent seat of Justice for the county of Wayne, and that they have leave to report by Bill, or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Baird, Polke, Little and Montgomery, were appointed that Committee.

The engrossed memorial to Congress, relative to School Sections, was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomasson a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a memorial to Congress, in favor

of James Shields, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

The Senate, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, for the benefit of Widows.

Mr. Little in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein.

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Little reported, that the Committee of the whole, had the Bill for the benefit of Widows under consideration, had made an amendment thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendment made by the Committee of the whole, to the Bill, for the benefit of Widows.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Milroy,

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the memorial to Congress, on the subject of the proposed change in the price of public land; and then he withdrew.

The resolution from the House of Representatives, proposing an alteration to the Constitution of the United States, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, appointing Trustees, to receive deeds for lots or

lands given, or purchased for the use of Schools, or Meeting Houses, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Drew.

Resolved, That the Senate will meet the House of Representatives this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in the Representatives Hall, for the purpose of electing an Auditor of Public Accounts, and a Treasurer of State, and that Mr. Cotton be appointed teller on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The memorial to Congress in favor of James Shields, was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till this evening 2 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have come to the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the House of Representatives, to act with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to enquire into the expediency of the next General Assembly of this State convening at _____ and that they report thereon to their respective Houses, that they have appointed on their part, Messrs. Thompson,

Morgan, Sutherland, Sullivan, and Ross, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the foregoing resolution.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pennington, Montgomery, Cotton and Drew, were appointed on the part of the Senate, and that Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomasson a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have come to the following resolution.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives will meet the Senate in the Hall of Representatives, at three o'clock, this evening, for the purpose of electing an Auditor of Public Accounts, and a Treasurer of State, and that they have appointed Mr. Blake teller on their part; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Drew, asked and obtained leave, to bring in a Bill, defining seals, to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purposes, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be read a second time, to morrow.

Mr. Baird, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of passing an act to fix the permanent Seat of Justice for the county of Wayne, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Cotton, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of county Treasurer, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomas on a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have come to the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate be informed, that the House of Representatives are now ready to meet them in the Hall of Representatives for the purpose of proceeding to the election of an Auditor of Public Accounts, and Treasurer of State; and then he withdrew.

The Senate repaired to the Representative Hall, to elect an Auditor of Public Accounts, and Treasurer of State, and having discharged that duty, returned to the Senate Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Drew.

Resolved, That the Senate will meet the House of Representatives to-morrow at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon, in the Representative Hall, for the purpose of electing three Presiding Judges to fill the vacancies in the first, third and fourth Judicial Circuits, and that Mr. Montgomery be appointed teller on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Tuesday, Dec. 21st.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The engrossed Bill, for the benefit of Widows, was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion of *Mr. Baird*,

The Senate resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the Bill authorising the printing and distributing the Acts and journals of the present General Assembly.

Mr. Polke in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein.

The *President* resumed the Chair.

And *Mr. Polke*, reported that the Committee of the whole, had had the above Bill, under consideration, had made some progress therein, and ask leave to sit again.

On motion of *Mr. Drew*,

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole, on the above Bill, be discharged from further proceedings therein, and on

Further motion of *Mr. Drew*.

Ordered, That the above named Bill be referred to a select Committee.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Polke and Drew, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Ross*.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed the memorial to Congress, on the subject of School sections, which originated in the Senate, without amendment; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Dunbar*, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives will meet the Senate in the Hall of Representatives, this afternoon, at three o'clock, to elect three presiding Judges, to fill the vacancies in the first, third and fourth Ja-

dicial Circuits, and that they have appointed Mr. Dunbar teller on their part; and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill appointing Commissioners to fix on a site for the Permanent Seat of Government.

Mr. Baird in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein.

The Committee rose.

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Baird reported that, they had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, and desired leave to sit again, which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate furnish A. Brandon & McCullough, with a copy of the journals of the Senate.

Ordered, That the same may be printed as soon as the nature of the case will admit, according to contract.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Maddox, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, disagree to the amendment made by the Senate, to the act for the benefit of Widows; and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Senate adhere to their amendment made to the engrossed Bill, for the benefit of Widows, and that Mr. Pennington, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Little,

The Senate resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives appointing Trustees to receive deeds for

lands given or purchased for the use of Schools and Meeting Houses.

Mr. Little in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein.

The Committee rose,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Little reported, that they had the same under consideration, made an amendment thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendment made by the Committee to the above Bill.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

The engrossed Bill, appointing Trustees to receive deeds for lands given, or purchased, for the use of Schools and Meeting Houses, was read the third time, as amended, and the question being, shall the Bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Little, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed resolution from the House of Representatives, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The memorial to Congress, in favor of James Shields, was read the second time to-day, and the question being, will the Senate concur in the memorial? it was decided in the negative.

The Bill, defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purposes, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill to confirm the seat of Justice for Wayne county, at Centreville, was read a second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Baird,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill, abolishing the office of county Treasurer, was read a second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock to-day.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The Joint resolution, of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, persist in their objections to the amendment made by the Senate, to the act for the benefit of Widows, and desire a Committee of free conference thereon, and have on the part of the House of Representatives, appointed Messrs. Ross and

Excess managers, and desire a similar Committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That a Committee of free conference, be appointed on the part of the Senate, to meet a similar Committee, on the part of the House of Representatives on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses on the act, for the benefit of Widows.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew and Pennington, were appointed managers on the part of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Blake a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an act, to establish a permanent seat of Justice for the county of Owen, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, to establish a permanent seat of Justice for the county of Owen, was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross.

Mr. President—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment made by the Senate, to the act appointing Trustees to receive deeds for lands given or purchased for the use of Schools, or Meeting Houses; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an act, to amend an act, entitled “an act to establish and regulate Ferries;” and then he withdrew.

The act, entitled “an act, to amend an act, entitled

an act, to establish and regulate Ferries," was read the first time to-day.

On motion of *Mr. Little*,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by *Mr. Dunbar* a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives*, are now ready to meet the Senate, in the *Hall of the House of Representatives*, to elect three presiding Judges, to fill the vacancies in the 1st, 3d, and 4th Judicial Circuits.

The Senate repaired to the *Hall of Representatives*, for the purpose of electing three presiding Judges, for the 1st, 3d and fourth Judicial Circuits; and having discharged that duty, returned to the Senate Chamber.

On motion of *Mr. Drew*,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 22.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Gray, from the committee appointed to enquire what amendments, if any were necessary, in the act authorising the granting letters testamentary and letters of administration, and for the settlement of intestate estates, reported by Bill, which was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill to fix the permanent Seat of Justice for the county of Wayne, at the town of Centreville.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that they had the same under consideration; made some progress therein, but not having had time to go through the same, asked leave to sit again, and leave was given.

The joint resolution of the General Assembly was read a second time to-day,

And on motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a third time to day,

Whereupon,

It was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made by the Committee of the whole, to the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the above resolution be read a third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read a third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Polke inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the

whole, on the Bill abolishing the office of County Treasurer.

Mr. Little in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Little reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, and not having time to go through, desired leave to sit again, leave granted.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act to amend an act, to establish and regulate ferries," was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered. That the same be referred to a committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act from the House of Representatives, for fixing the permanent seat of justice for Owen county," was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered. That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing and for other purposes.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird reported, that they had the same under consideration and no amendment thereto.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered. That the same be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Thornton, assistant clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate,

that the House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution which originated in the Senate, disapproving the vote given by the Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Jelly, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a Bill, entitled, “an act to amend the act, entitled, an act to regulate marriages,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The last mentioned act was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Drew.

Ordered, That the same be read the second time to-morrow.

Mr. Drew, from the select Committee appointed on the Bill authorising the printing and publishing the acts and journals of the present General Assembly, reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration; made some amendments thereto, which they submit to the Senate.

The Bill authorising the printing and publishing the acts and journals of both Houses of the present General Assembly, was read the first time, as reported by the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, authorising the appropriation of a certain sum of money therein named to Messrs. Brande and M'Cullough, and Messrs. Cox and Nelson, in advance for the public printing at this session, and find the same duly enrolled.

Mr. Gray, agreeably to previous notice, this day obtained leave to bring in a Bill authorising the people of

Dearborn county to open a road from the town of Lawrenceburgh, to the permanent seat of Government for the State of Indiana, and for other purposes, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock this evening.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the several acts now in force, to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs, and to enquire, if any, what amendments are necessary to be made therein, and that they report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pennington, Polke, Beggs and Little, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Senate reconsider the vote of concurrence with the amendment made by the Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives for the relief of George White.

And the question being taken, will the Senate concur in the amendment made by the Committee of the whole to the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, for the relief of George White? it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Bill above named be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Ross*, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the joint resolution of the General Assembly, authorising the appropriation of certain sums of money therein named, to Messrs. Brandon and M'Cullough, and Messrs. Cox and Nelson, in advance for the public printing at this session;—I am directed to lay it before the Senate, for the signature of the President; and then he withdrew.

The President having signed the foregoing joint resolution, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

On motion of *Mr. Pennington*,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Thursday Morning, Dec. 23.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had laid before the Governor, for his approval, on yesterday, the joint resolution of both Houses of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, authorising the appropriation of certain sums of money therein named to Messrs. Brandon and M'Cullough, and Messrs. Nelson and Cox, in advance for the public printing.

Mr. Beggs asked and obtained leave, to bring in a Bill to amend the act, entitled "an act to incorporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company," which was read the first time to-day.

On motion of *Mr. Beggs*,

Ordered. That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day,

Whereupon,

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The same was read the second and third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives for the relief of George White, was read a third time to-day, and the question being put,

Shall the Bill pass? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those in the affirmative, were Messrs. Drew, Cotton, and Montgomery.

And in the negative,

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Gray, Little, Pennington and Polke,

And so the same was decided in the negative.

Mr. Cotton from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, deceased, and for other purposes; and find the same duly enrolled.

The engrossed Bill, defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purposes; was read a third time to-day and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Ordered, That the Senate reconsider the vote given by the Senate on the Bill for the relief of George White.

Mr. Little then moved, that the Bill for the relief of George White, be committed to a select Committee; and the yeas and nays being demanded thereon by two members, those in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Gray, Little, Montgomery and Polke.

And in the negative,

Mr. Pennington,

And so the same was decided in the affirmative,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Little, Pennington and Beggs, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed an act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, dec'd, and for other purposes; I am directed to lay it before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the above named act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, establishing a permanent seat of Justice for the county of Owen.

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

The above named Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Polke inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed the act to amend the act, entitled, "an act to incorporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company, without amendment.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the act from the House of

Representatives, to amend the act, entitled, "an act to establish and regulate Ferries."

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,
And after some time spent therein,
The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Montgomery reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock this evening.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments to the Bill regulating Ferries, made in the Committee of the whole, except the third amendment.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

The Bill was read a third time as amended by the Committee of the whole, and the question being, shall the Bill pass as amended? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Gray, Harrison, Little and Pennington.

And in the negative,

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Montgomery and Polke,

And so the act passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill to amend an act, entitled, "an act to in-

corporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company, and find it duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the enrolled joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Teylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes; and the enrolled Bill to amend the act to incorporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company; I am directed to lay them before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, assistant clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed the act to amend the act, entitled, “an act to exempt certain property from execution, to which they have made some amendments, and desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above Bill was read, and the question being, will the Senate concur in the amendments made thereto by the House of Representatives? it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Bill to amend an act authorising the granting letters of administration, letters testamentary, and for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes; was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representa-

tives, to amend the act to regulate Marriages, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

The Bill, authorising the people of Dearborn county, to open a road from Lawrenceburgh, to the permanent seat of Government, for this State, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

The Bill authorising the printing and publishing the laws and journals of both Houses of the present General Assembly, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

Mr. Harrison, to whom leave of absence was heretofore granted, this day appeared and took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Harrison gave notice, that on Monday next, he would ask leave to bring in a Bill, to lay out and establish a permanent road from Evansville, in the county of Vanderburgh, to TerreHaute, in the county of Vigo.

Mr. Cotton gave notice, that he would on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill, to amend the act fixing the time for holding the Courts in the counties of Switzerland, Jennings and Ripley.

Mr. Cotton, from the select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to abolish the office of county Treasurer, and for other purposes, reported by Bill, which was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported that they laid before the Governor for his signature, the act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, dec'd. and for other purposes.

The act to amend the act entitled "an act to incorporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company," and the enrolled Joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Evans, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, adhere to their disagreement, to the amendments made by the Senate, to the act to amend the act exempting certain property from execution; and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Senate adhere to their objections to the amendment to the act, to amend the act, exempting certain property from execution, and that Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Friday Morning, Dec. 24th.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made, by the Senate, to the Bill, to amend an act entitled "an act regulating Ferries;" and then he withdrew.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private Secretary.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the Governor, to announce to the Senate, that he did, on the 23d inst. approve and sign an act to amend an act, entitled "an act, to incorporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Compa-

ry, and an enrolled Joint resolution, disapproving of the vote of the Hon. Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee, had compared the engrossed with the enrolled joint resolution, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States; also an act for the appointment of Trustees, to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of Schools or Meeting Houses, also a memorial to Congress on the subject of locating an additional land office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson, also a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana to Congress, on the subject of changing the terms of sales of public lands, also a memorial to Congress, on the subject of School Sections, also an act to establish a permanent seat of Justice for Owen county, and find them truly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Denbar, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have adopted a memorial to Congress, praying an extension of the time of payment for public lands, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved, That the Senate adopt said memorial.

Ordered, That Mr. Little, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill authorising the people of Dearborn county, to open a road from the town of Lawrenceburgh, to the permanent seat of Government for this State, and for other purposes.

Mr. Polke, in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Polke reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the same under consideration, had made some progress therein, but not having time to get through the business, had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, and leave was granted.

The Senate according to order resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to amend an act, entitled "an act, authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes.

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Montgomery, reported, that the Committee of the whole, to whom the same was referred, had according to order, had under their consideration the said Bill, had made some progress therein, but not having time to get through the business, had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, leave not being granted.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a select Committee with leave to report thereon.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Gray, Little and Montgomery, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, assistant Clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have adopted a memorial to Congress, on the subject of the reserved township of land, in Owen county, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate, which memorial being read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order day, for tomorrow.

The Senate according to order resolved itself into

Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to amend the act entitled "an act, regulating Marriages,"

Mr. Baird, in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird, reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had under their consideration, the said Bill, had made some amendments thereto, to which amendments, they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Friday Afternoon.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Bill, to amend the act entitled "an act to regulate Marriages and for other purposes."

On motion,

Resolved, That the amendments made thereto, be concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Drew,

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Polke, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate pursuant to order, resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to authorise the printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present General Assembly.

Mr. Beggs, in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had under their consideration the said Bill, and had made several amendments

thereto, to which amendments they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the Senate concur to the amendments.

On motion,

Ordered, That said Bill, be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to abolish the office of county Commissioner, and to vest their several powers and duties in Justices of the Peace.

Mr. Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Polke reported that, the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had under their consideration the said Bill, had made several amendments thereto, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

And on the question being put,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Polke, then moved, that the said Bill, be indefinitely postponed; the ayes and noes being called for, by two members, those who voted for indefinite postponement, were

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Gray, Little and Polke.

Those who voted against it, were

Messrs. Baird, Harrison, Montgomery, and Pennington, so the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 25th.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Bill, to abolish the office of county Treasurer, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and

On motion, of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That said Bill, be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for Monday next.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the memorial to Congress, on the subject of the reserved Township of land in Orange county.

Mr. Harrison in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair ;

And Mr. Harrison reported that, the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had under their consideration, the said memorial, had adopted the same without amendment, and had instructed him to ask the concurrence of the Senate thereto,

And the question being put,

Will the Senate concur in the amendment?

It was decided in the negative.

Whereupon,

The said memorial was rejected.

The amended Bill, for the relief of George White, was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That said Bill, be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for Tuesday next.

On motion,

Ordered. That the Senate adjourn until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Monday Morning, Dec. 27th.

Mr. Harrison, according to notice heretofore given, obtained leave to introduce a Bill, to organize a board of Physicians in the 4th Judicial Circuit, of the State of Indiana, which was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to bring in a Bill, to amend and repeal the act entitled "an act regulating general elections;" Approved January 7th, 1818.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Montgomery, Colton and Harrison, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Baird asked, and obtained leave, to bring in a Bill, for the opening and repairing Roads and High Ways, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table.

On motion, of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That the Senate, reconsider their vote given on the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, to Congress, on the subject of the reserved township of land, in Orange county.

Mr. Gray, from the select Committee, on the act, to amend the act, authorising the granting Letters testamentary, and Letters of administration, and for the Letters of Intestate Estates, reported thereon this day, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to morrow.

The engrossed Bill, for printing, publishing and distributing the laws and journals of both Houses of the General Assembly, at the present Session, was read the third time to-day.

When Mr. Harrison moved, that the same lie on the Table.

And the question being taken thereon.

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Harrison moved to indefinite postponement, the Bill, to abolish the office of county Treasurer, and for other purposes.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

The Senate, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to abolish the office of county Treasurer, and for other purposes.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird, reported that, the Committee, had the Bill to abolish the office of county Treasurer, and for other purposes, under consideration, made some amendments thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

And the question being put,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made to the Bill above named ?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Harrison moved further, to amend the Bill, abolishing the office of county Treasurer, and for other purposes, by striking out the Bill from the enacting clause, and the question being taken thereon, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Harrison, Little, Polke, and Boone, President.

And in the negative.

Messrs. Cotton, Gray, Montgomery and Pennington, so it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the foregoing Bill, be read a third time as amended, and the question being,

Shall this Bill pass?

It was decided in the negative.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by *Mr. Evans*, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives*, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled an act more effectually to prevent duelling, and for other purposes, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by *Mr. Sullivan*, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, the *House of Representatives*, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled an act, to incorporate the *Madison Academy*, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by *Mr. Graham*, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives*, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled an act regulating the fees of the several offices and persons therein named, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by *Mr. Warner*, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives*, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled an act, amendatory to an act, to Licence and regulate *Taverns*, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

On motion of *Mr. Harrison*.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till this evening, 3 o'clock.

And the Senate adjourned.

3 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed the act to establish a Permanent seat of Justice, for Owen county, and a memorial to Congress, on the subject of locating an additional land office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson; I am directed to lay them before the Senate, for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing act, and memorial, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That the Senate now take into consideration, the memorial to Congress, on the subject of the reserved Township of land, in Orange county.

Whereupon,

The question being taken,

Shall the Senate adopt the memorial?

And the yeas and noes being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Drew, Gray, Harrison, Little and Pennington.

And in the negative,

Messrs. Cotton, Montgomery and Polke, and so the same was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, to incorporate the Madison Academy, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill entitled an act, amendatory, to an act, to Licence and regulate Taverns, from the

House of Representatives, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, entitled an act regulating the fees of the several officers therein named, from the House of Representatives, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the *House of Representatives*, the more effectually to prevent duelling, and for other purposes; was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Tuesday Morning, Dec. 28.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Little gave notice that on to-morrow or some subsequent day of the session, he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the several acts concerning public Seminaries, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole; on the Bill to amend an act, entitled, "an act more effectually to prevent duelling."

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, and made no amendment

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therefo, and desired the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Penni g on moved,

That the fur her consideration of the Bill be indefinitely postponed, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those in the affirmative, were

Messrs. B ggs, Cotton, Little, Pennington, Polke,

And in the negative,

Messrs. Baird, Drew, Gray, Harrison, Montgomery and Boone, President,

And so the question was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the above Bill be read the third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time, and the question being, shall the Bill pass? the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Drew, Gray, Harrison, Montgomery and Boone, President,

And in the negative,

Messrs. B ggs, Cotton, Little, Pennington and Polke.

So the Bill passed.

And the question being, what shall the title be? it was decided that it be an act to amend an act more effectually to prevent duelling.

Ordered That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill for the relief of George White.

Mr. Baird in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Baird reported, that they had the same un-

der consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery.

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, to the act for the relief of George White.

On motion of Mr. Pennington.

The Bill for the relief of George White, was read the third time to day, and the question being, shall the Bill be passed? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Harrison, Montgomery, Polke and Boone, President,

And in the negative,

Messrs. Baird, Biggs, Gray, Little, and Pennington,

And so the Bill passed.

Ordered That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof and desire their concurrence therein.

Mr. Drew moved to indefinitely postpone the Bill more effectually to prevent duelling, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Harrison then moved,

That the last mentioned Bill be laid on the table, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, more effectually to prevent duelling, was read a second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in

the amendments made in the Senate, to the act for the relief of George White, and then he withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives to incorporate the Madison Academy, was read a second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives to amend the act, entitled, "an act to regulate the fees of the officers therein named," was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the Bill last mentioned, be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for this day.

The Bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act granting letters testamentary, letters of administration, and the settlement of intestate estates," was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The Bill to organize a Board of Physicians in the 4th Judicial Circuit, was read a second time to-day,

When Mr. Pennington moved,

That the same be indefinitely postponed, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, to amend the act, entitled "an act to license and regulate taverns," was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, to amend the act, entitled "an act to regulate the fees of the several officers therein named."

Mr. Harrison in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee according to order, had the same under consideration, had made some amendments thereto, by striking out the first, second, third and fourth sections of the Bill; and had requested him to ask the concurrence of the Senate to said amendments, and on the question being put, will the Senate concur in the amendments? it was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

The amendments were concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said Bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, amendatory to an act regulating taverns.

Mr. Drew in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Drew, reported, that the Committee of the whole had according to order, had under their consideration the said Bill, had made an amendment thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and on the question being put, will the Senate concur with the amendment? it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Drew—

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Polke asked for, and obtained leave to hand in the petition of David Deem and others, praying for the erection of a new county out of the counties of Owen and Daviess, with the accompanying documents,

And on motion of Mr. Polke,

Ordered. That the same be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon.

Whereupon,

Messrs Polke, Cotton, and Little, were appointed that Committee.

On motion,

Ordered. That the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock.

And the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Gray gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some other day of the session, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to amend an act, entitled, "an act to reduce into one act, all acts and parts of acts relative to crime and punishment."

On motion,

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill to repeal a joint resolution authorising the reception of bank notes for debts due the State, and for other purposes;

Mr Gray in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Gray reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through, the same asked leave to sit again, leave granted to sit again.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act for the appointment of Trustees to record deeds for lots of land, given or purchased for the use of schools, or meeting houses; the joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, to the memorial to Congress on the subject of School Sections, and the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana to Congress, on the subject of changing the terms of sale of Public Lands; I am directed to lay them before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing acts and memorials, the acts were delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Drew.

The Senate adjourned until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, December 29.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Montgomery from the Committee appointed to enquire what, if any amendments were necessary, to the act, entitled, "an act regulating General Elections" with leave to report by Bill or otherwise, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time to-day.

When Mr. Cotton moved,

That the same be laid on the table, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Drew.

Ordered, That the Bill last mentioned, be read a second time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Morgan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an en-

grossed Bill, entitled an act establishing the office, and defining the duties of masters in Chancery, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above Bill, was read the first time to-day.

When Mr. Pennington moved, that the further consideration of the Bill, be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the Bill aforesaid, be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, to incorporate the Madison Academy, was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Cotton inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Blake, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed a joint resolution of instructions to our Senators in Congress, on the subject of the appointment of Federal officers within this State, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The foregoing resolution, was read the first time to-day

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Milroy, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed the act, to amend an act regulating the jurisdictions of Justices of the Peace, to which they have made some amendments, and desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The amendments made by the *House of Representatives*, was read the first time.

When Mr. Drew, moved that the Senate concur in the amendment made by the *House of Representatives*, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the *House of Representatives* thereof.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives*, have passed a memorial to Congress, praying compensation to the company of mounted Rangers, commanded by Capt. Bigger, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The aforementioned memorial, was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered That it be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Chambers, a member

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives*, have passed an act authorising the citizens of Monroe county, to elect a President and Trustees, for a county Library, and for other purposes, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, amendatory to the act regulating Taverns, was read the third time to day and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Gray, inform the *House of Representatives* thereof.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to organize a

board of Physicians, in the fourth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Cotton in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Cotton reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

And the question being,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, on the aforementioned Bill?

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the last mentioned Bill, be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to amend the act entitled "an act, regulating the granting letters testamentary, letters of administration, and for the settlement of intestate estates."

Mr. Drew in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Drew reported, that the Committee according to order, had the above named Bill, under consideration, and had made no amendment thereto.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the Bill, be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

The Senate adjourned till 2 o'clock, this evening.

2 o'clock.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee, for enrolled Bills, this day laid before the Governor, for his approval, the

memorial to Congress, on the subject of locating an additional land office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson.

Also an act to establish a Permanent seat of Justice for the county of Owen.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,
The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning,
9 oclock.

Thursday, Dec. 30th.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Harrison, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of revising the laws, this day reported, that they had taken that matter into consideration, and are of opinion, that the statute laws of the State, should be revised during the ensuing recess of the Legislature, and reported to them at their next session, for their consideration, and desire your Committee will not undertake to report any particulars either in regard to the manner of ameliorating the Code, or name such persons they deem most worthy of the important trust; but respectfully suggest the expediency of having a Committee appointed, to draft a Bill, for the accomplishment of the object.

Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee appointed, to contract for the printing the laws and journals, had contracted with Brandon & M'Cullough, for the printing the journals, and taken their bonds therefor, which he respectfully submitted.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the said Committee deliver the same to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Pennington, presented the petition of Edward Pennington, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a select Committee.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pennington and Polke, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported that, they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed memorial to Congress, on the subject of the reserved township of land, in Orange county, and it duly enrolled.

Mr. Harrison, moved that the Senate concur in the report of the Committee, on the subject of revising the statute laws of this State.

And on the question being taken thereon.

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Gray, according to previous notice, this day asked and obtained leave to bring in a Bill, to amend an act, entitled "an act to reduce into one, all acts and parts of acts relative to crime and punishment, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to draft a Bill, authorising some suitable person or persons, to revise the laws now in force, during the recess of the General Assembly.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew, Polke and Pennington, were appointed that Committee.

The Bill, organising a Board of Physicians, in the fourth Judicial Circuit, was read the third time to-day, and passed.

And the question being,

What shall the title be?

It was decided, that it be an act, to organise a Board of Physicians, in the 4th Judicial Circuit, and for other purposes.

Ordered That Mr. Harrison, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Bill, to amend the act, entitled "an Act for granting letters of administration, letters testamentary, and for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes," was read the third time to-day, and passed.

And the question being,

What shall the title be?

It was decided that it be an act to amend an act, entitled "an act authorising the granting letters testamentary, letters of administration for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes."

Ordered That Mr. Gray, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Bill, authorising the citizens of Monroe county, to appoint a President, and Trustees, for the county library, and for other purposes, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-day.

The memorial to Congress, in favor of the mounted Rangers commanded by capt. Bigger, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Polke,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day, for to-day.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Evans, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have passed an act for opening the navigation of Patoka River, and for other purposes, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The engrossed Bill, establishing the office and defining the duties of a master in Chancery, from the House of Representatives, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an act authorising the issuing of writs of Habeas Corpus, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The joint resolution of instruction to our Senators in Congress, on the subject of federal appointments of officers in this State, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, for the opening the navigation of Patoka river, and for other purposes, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill authorising the citizens of Monroe county, and other counties therein named, to elect a President, and Trustees, for a county Library.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird reported, that the Committee, had according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate, and

The question being,

Will the Senate concur in the said amendments ?
It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the above Bill, be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an act, for the benefit of the heirs of Andrew Fulton, dec'd. and then he withdrew.

The above named Bill, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, authorising the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, establishing the office and defining the duties of master in Chancery.

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Montgomery reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, and had made no amendments thereto.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the above Bill, be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

The Senate adjourned till 3 o'clock, this evening.

2 o'clock.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the memorial to Congress, in favor of a company of Mounted Rangers, commanded by Captain James Bigger.

Mr. Harrison in the Chair,

And after some spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Harrison reported that the Committee had the foregoing resolution under consideration, had made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate thereon.

On motion of Mr. Harrison.

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, to the before mentioned memorial.

Mr. Harrison moved that the memorial last mentioned, be adopted as amended, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, assistant clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made in the Senate to the Bill, entitled, "an act to amend an act, entitled, an act to regulate marriages, and for other purposes;" that the House of Representatives have also adopted a joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian Society with copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of this State, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above named joint resolution was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee appointed to enquire what, if any, amendments were necessary to the insolvent laws, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Polke from the select Committee, appointed on the petition of David Deem, and others, this day made the following report:

Mr. President,—Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of David Deem and others, citizens of Daviess and Sullivan counties; and also the petition of Thomas Scott and others, citizens of township nine, in Owen county, together with the accompanying documents, praying that a new county may be formed out of the counties of Daviess, Owen, and Sullivan, and

Also a remonstrance against the same by the citizens of Owen county, beg leave to report, that, having had the same under consideration, think it inexpedient at this time to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered. That the Senate concur in the above report of the select Committee.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That Mr. Stokely have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Friday Morning, December 31.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Harrison, according to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to locate and establish a permanent State Road from Evansville, on the Ohio River, by Sandersville, Princeton, in Gibson county, Vincennes, in Knox county, through Sullivan county, to Terre Haute, in Vigo county, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill to amend an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of Justices of the Peace, and find the same duly enrolled.

The engrossed Bill authorising the citizens of the county of Monroe, to elect a President and Trustees of a county Library, and for other purposes; was read the third time to day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, establishing the office and defining the duties of masters in Chancery, was read the third time to-day, and the question being, shall the Bill pass? the yeas and nays being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Gray, Harrison, Montgomery and Boone, President,

And in the negative,

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Little, Pennington and Polke,

And so the Bill passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew inform the House of Re-

representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the joint resolution of instruction to our Senators in Congress, on the subject of the appointment of Federal Officers in our state.

Mr. Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Polke reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate, and the question being, will the Senate concur in the first amendment to the above resolution? it was decided in the affirmative.

And the question being, will the Senate concur in the amendment made by the Committee of the whole, to the above joint resolution, which was to strike out the third paragraph of said resolution, which reads thus:

“And whereas,

Also in the opinion of the General Assembly, (unknown to the President of the United States, whose intentions and opinions, it is believed, correspond with those of the General Assembly, and whose object is to respect the State Governments, and also the citizens thereof,) the vacancy occasioned by the removal of the late receiver of public monies at Vincennes during the last recess of Congress, was filled with a youth and a citizen of another state, without consulting, in any manner, the Representation in Congress from our own state, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Harrison, Little, Montgomery, and Polke.

And in the negative,

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Gray, and Pennington.

And so the amendment was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

The said joint resolution was read the third time to-day, and passed as amended.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. John, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an act to amend an act subjecting real and personal property to execution, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above Bill was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Chambers, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an act for the relief William Hoggatt, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above Bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The Bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act, to reduce into one, all acts and parts of acts relative to crime and punishment," was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, authorising the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the

whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, for the benefit of the heirs of the late Andrew Fulton, deceased, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered. That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, for opening the navigation of Patoka River, and for other purposes; was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered. That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Thornton, assistant clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an act regulating damages on protested Bills of Exchange, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above Bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed joint resolution, to furnish the American Antiquarian Society with copies of the Constitution, Laws, and Journals of this state, was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed the memorials to Congress on the subject of the reserved township of land in Orange county, the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying an extension of the term of payment for public lands; I am directed to lay them before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the above named memorials, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn *sine die*, on the fifteenth day of January, 1820, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

Mr. Pennington, from the select Committee appointed on the petition of Edward Pennington, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time tomorrow.

Mr. Little, according to notice heretofore given, this day asked and obtained leave to bring in a Bill, supplementary to the acts concerning Public Seminaries, and for other purposes, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Resolved, That no new business be introduced in the Senate, after Saturday the 8th day of January, 1820, unless two thirds of the members shall consent to the same.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until this evening, 2 o'clock.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, assistant Clerk,

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an act, appointing Commissioners, to fix the permanent seat of Justice, for the county of Wayne, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above named bill, was read the first time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered. That it be read a second time on to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Thornton, assistant Clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have concurred in the amendment made by the Senate, to the memorial to Congress, praying compensation to the mounted Rangers, commanded by capt. James Bigger.

And also, in the amendments made to the Bill, entitled "an act authorising the citizens of Monroe, and other counties therein named, to elect a President, and Trustees, for a county Library, and for other purposes;" and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Blake, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have concurred in the first amendment, made by the Senate, to the joint resolution of instruction to our Senators in Congress, on the subject of the appointment of federal officers, in our State, to the second amendment made by the Senate, to the said resolution of instructions, the House of Representatives, have refused to concur; I am also directed, to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have exhibited articles of impeachment, which

are now handed in, against Bazil Prather. Clerk of Washington county, and demanded the trial of the said Bazil Prather accordingly, when it may suit the convenience of the Senate; and also that they have appointed Messrs. Blake, Evans, Merrill and Thompson, managers on the part of the H. of Representatives, to conduct said impeachment; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Harrison moved, that the Senate adhere to the amendment made to the resolution of instructions to our Senators in Congress, on the subject of the appointment of federal officers within our State.

And the question being,

Will the Senate adhere to the amendment before named?

And the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Baird, Harrison, Little, Montgomery and Polke.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Gray and Pennington.

And so the question was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain when, and to fix on the most suitable time to commence the trial of Bazil Prather, clerk of the Circuit Court, for the county of Washington, and to report accordingly.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Little and Drew, were appointed that Committee.

The Senate this day proceeded to the election of a Sergeant at arms, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that Francis N. Moore, was unanimously elected.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning, Jan. 1st, 1820

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Little, from the Committee appointed to inquire when, and to fix the time to commence the trial of Basil Prather, clerk of Washington Circuit Court, this day made the following report.

Mr. President,— the Committee who was appointed to ascertain and fix the most suitable time to commence the trial of Basil Prather, clerk of the Circuit Court, in Washington county, having maturely considered the same, beg leave to report the following resolution

Resolved, That on Monday, the 10th inst. will be the most suitable time to commence the trial of Basil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the said report.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills reported that they did, on Tuesday, lay before the Governor, a memorial to Congress, on the subject of school sections

A joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

A memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, to Congress, on the subject of changing the terms of sale of Public Lands.

An act for the appointment of Trustees, to receive deeds for lots or land, for the use of Schools or Meeting Houses.

A memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, praying an extension of the time of payment for Public Land.

And a memorial to Congress, on the subject of the reserved Township of land, in Orange county.

The engrossed joint resolution of the General Assembly, to furnish the American Antiquarian Society, with the Constitution, Laws and Journals, of the State of Indiana, was read the third time to-day.

When Mr. Drew moved, to amend the same by striking out the words, "Senate and House of Representatives," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following, "General Assembly," which was consented to.

And the question being,

Shall the resolution pass as amended?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives for the relief of the heirs, of the late Andrew Fulton, dec'd.

Mr. Cotton in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Cotton reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, and made no amendments thereto.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered That the above Bill, be read a third time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomasson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have concurred in the amendment made in the Senate, to the joint resolution of the General Assembly, to furnish the American Antiquarian Society, with copies of the Laws and Journals of this State; and then he retired.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ray, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an act for the relief of the administration, and administrators, of Nathaniel Scribner; dec'd. to which they desire the

concurrence of the Senate, which Bill was read the first to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second time to day:

And the same was read a second time to-day, accordingly.

And on further motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, that the rules be further dispensed with, and that the Bill aforesaid, be read a third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read a third time to day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Warner, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled “an act, to form a new county, out of the counties of Dubois and Daviess,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, the H. of Representatives, have passed an act, appointing Commissioners, to locate a site, for the Permanent Seat of Government of Indiana, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, to form a new county, out of the counties of Dubois and Daviess, was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Polke,

Ordered. That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act, appointing Commissioners, to

locate a scite, for the Permanent seat of Government of Indiana," was read the first time to day.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The Senate resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the Bill, for opening the navigation of Patoka river, and for other purposes.

Mr. Drew in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Drew reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, and desire leave to sit again, leave granted.

On motion of Mr. Drew.

The Senate adjourned till 2 o'clock, this evening.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Francis N. Moore, who was on Tuesday, elected Sergeant at arms, for the Senate, this day appeared in the Senate Chamber, and took the oath of office, and the oath against duelling.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled, with the engrossed Bill, entitled "an act to regulate marriages, and for other purposes."

And the enrolled, with the engrossed Bills, to vacate a certain Ferry, in the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, and find them duly enrolled.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, appointing Commissioners, to fix the permanent seat of Justice, for the county of Wayne, was read the

third time to-day, and the same was read accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-day.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled an act for the relief of the administration and administrators of Nathaniel Scribner, dec'd.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee according to order, had the Bill, for the relief of the administration and administrators of Nathaniel Scribner, dec'd. under consideration, and had made no amendment thereto.

Whereupon,

The same was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Bill, supplementary to the acts concerning public Seminaries, and for other purposes, was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, on Wednesday next.

The Bill authorising the printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present session of the General Assembly, was read the third time to day.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, an act authorising the printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present session of the General Assembly, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew, inform the House of Re-

representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled an act, to amend an act, entitled "an act subjecting real and personal property to execution;" Approved 7th January, 1818, was read the second time to day.

When Mr. Harrison moved, that the farther consideration of the above Bill, be indefinitely postponed,

And the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for Tuesday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Blake, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to apply to the Senate for subpoenas to issue for the following witnesses, to enable the House to support the impeachment lately exhibited against Brazil Prather:

Jeremiah Rowland, John H. Thompson, John F. Ross, Davis Floyd, John N. Dunbar, Samuel Milroy, and Harbin H. Moore, and then he withdrew.

Mr. Drew moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the Bill to establish a permanent state road from the town of Evansville in Vanderburgh county, to Terre Haute, in Vigo county; the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Drew, Little, and Pennington,

And those in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Gray, Harrison, Montgomery and Polke.

And so it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee

of the whole, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—The Speaker of the *House of Representatives* having signed the act to vacate a certain Ferry in the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, and for other purposes; an act to amend an act, entitled, “an act to regulate marriages, and for other purposes;” and the act to amend an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of Justices of the Peace; I am directed to lay them before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

The Bill to vacate a part of the town of Lanesville, was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The engrossed Bill from the *House of Representatives*, regulating damages on protested Bills of Exchange, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby directed, to issue a writ of Venire Facias, directed to the Sergeant at Arms, commanding him to summon Basil Prather to appear before the Court of Impeachment, on a day in the said writ to be named, to answer an impeachment exhibited against him by the *House of Representatives*, and also on the application of the managers appointed by the *House of Representatives* to conduct the impeachment aforesaid to issue process.

on the application of Bazil Prather respectively to require the attendance of such witnesses as either of the said parties shall judge necessary.

Mr. Cotton, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill for the relief of the administrators of Nathaniel Scribner, deceased, and find the same duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act for the relief of the administrators of Nathaniel Scribner, deceased; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the last mentioned act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

Monday Morning January 3.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew presented the petition of John Reed, which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered. That it be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew, Cotton, and Montgomery, were appointed that Committee.

The engrossed Bill for the relief of the heirs of the late Andrew Fulton, deceased, was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered. That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill to amend the act entitled, "an act to reduce into one, all acts and parts of acts relative to crime and punishment,"

Mr. Little in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Little* reported, that, according to order, they had the above Bill under consideration, had made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of *Mr. Pennington,*

Ordered, That the last mentioned Bill be referred to a select Committee,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pennington, Gray, Polke, and Harrison, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Harrison asked, and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution of the General Assembly, for the encouragement of Domestic Manufactures, which was read the first time to day.

On motion of *Mr. Harrison,*

Ordered, That it be read the second time to morrow.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, authorising the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus,

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Pennington* reported, that the Committee according to order, had the Bill authorising the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus, under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of *Mr. Montgomery,*

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments

made by the Committee of the whole, to the above Bill.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the last mentioned Bill be referred to a select Committee with leave to report thereon,

Where upon,

Messrs. Pennington, Drew, Cotton, and Harrison, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Evans, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred in the act to amend the act more effectually to prevent duelling, without amendment; and then he withdrew.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act regulating damages on protested Bills of Exchange,"

Mr. Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Polke reported, that the Committee according to order, had the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, regulating damages on protested Bills of Exchange, have made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole to the above named Bill.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

The Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act regulating damages on protested Bills of Exchange," was read the third time to-day, as amended by the Committee of the whole, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Milroy, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit certified copies of the following memorials of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, to the Congress of the United States, to each of our Senators and our Representatives in Congress, to wit:

A memorial on the subject of changing the terms of sale of Public Lands.

A memorial on the subject of the reserved township of land in Orange county.

A memorial on the subject of School Sections.

And a memorial on the subject of extending the time of payment for public lands.

And that the Secretary of State be furnished with a copy of this resolution, and the Senate be requested to concur therein.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Resolved, That the Senate adopt a resolution similar to the one adopted by the *House of Representatives*, to wit:

That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit certified copies of the following memorials of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, to the Congress of the United States, to each of our Senators and our Representatives in Congress, to wit:

A memorial on the subject of changing the terms of sale of public lands.

A memorial on the subject of the reserved township of land in Orange county.

A memorial on the subject of School Sections.

And a memorial of extending the time of payment for public lands.

And that the Secretary of State be furnished with a

copy of this resolution by the Committee for enrolled Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, appointing Commissioners to locate a scite, for the permanent seat of Government of Indiana, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Cotton,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for this day.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled an act for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Davies and Dubois, was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-day.

The engrossed Bill, for the relief of William Hoggatt, from the House of Representatives, was read the second time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-day.

The Bill, to amend and repeal the act regulating general elections, was read the second time to day.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That the further proceeding on said Bill, be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Polke,

Ordered, That the Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act, more effectually to prevent duelling, and for other purposes," be laid on the table.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act appointing Commissioners to

locate a scite, for a permanent seat of government of Indiana."

Mr. Harrison in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And *Mr. Harrison* reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, had made some progress therein, and not having had time to go through the same desire leave to sit again.

On motion.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till this evening, 2 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the relief of William Hoggatt."

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And *Mr. Baird* reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, and made no amendment thereto, the above named Bill, was read the third time to day, and passed.

Ordered. That *Mr. Little*, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Sullivan*, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act regulating damages on protested Bills of exchange; and then he retired.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to establish a new county, out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois."

Mr. Cotton in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Cotton reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made an amendment thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Pennington,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time tomorrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Wick, their Clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed the act, for printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present General Assembly, to which they made several amendments, and desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Polke,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House of Representatives, to the above act, and that Mr. Drew, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the Governor, to deliver to the Senate, the following written communication.

I present to the Senate, copies of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, of the State of Illinois, and the original of which, has been transmitted by the gov. of

that State, with the request, that they be submitted to the General Assembly of this State.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

January, 2d, 1820.

Friday Morning, Dec. 31st.

Resolved, by the General Assembly, of the State of Illinois, That the Senate, and Representatives in Congress from this State, be requested at the next session thereof, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law, authorising the appointment of Commissioners, to view, and mark out a road as the continuation of the national Road, from Wheeling, to the Seat of Government for the state of Ohio, thence to the contemplated seat of Government, for the state of Indiana; thence to the Seat of Government, for this State; and to St. Charles on the Missouri river, on the nearest rout, and best ground that can be selected, and that they also, be requested to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law, authorising, a survey of the public lands through which the same may pass, and to appropriate the proceeds arising from the sale of each unappropriated section through which it shall pass, to opening and improving the same.

Resolved, That the governor of this state, be requested to forward one copy of the foregoing resolution to each of the members of Congress, from this state, at the next session, and one copy to the Speaker of the H. of Representatives, and one copy to the governor of the states of Ohio, and Indiana, and request them to lay the same before the General Assembly of those states, respectively, at their next session for their consideration.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered. That the foregoing communication be referred to a select Committee.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Harrison, Cotton, Drew, Little, Polke and Pennington, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Drew from the Committee appointed on the petition of John Reed, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Biggs gave notice that he should on to-morrow ask leave to bring in a Bill providing for the taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above twenty one years of age.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill authorising the people of Dearborn county to open a road from the town of Lawrenceburgh to the permanent seat of government for this state, and for other purposes;

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Montgomery reported, that the Committee of the whole, according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments made to the above named Bill.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the last named Bill lay on the table.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning, December 4.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill for the benefit of the heirs of the late Andrew Fulton, dec'd. and find the same duly enrolled.

Mr. Drew from the joint Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had, on the first day of January, laid before the Governor the act for the relief of the administratrix and administrators of Nathaniel Scribner, deceased, and that they did on the third day of January, lay before the Governor, an act to amend an act, entitled, "an act to regulate marriages," and the act to amend the act, entitled, "an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of Justices of the Peace."

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, authorising the printing and distributing the Laws and Journals of the present General Assembly, and find it duly enrolled.

Mr. Bagg, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to provide for taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above twenty one years of age, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Pennington from the select Committee, to whom was referred the act authorising the issuing the writs of Habeas Corpus, reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, and had made no amendment thereto,

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof and desire their concurrence therein.

Mr. Harrison gave notice that on to morrow he should ask leave to introduce a Bill authorising the qualified electors of this state, at the ensuing general election, to vote for or against the calling of a convention to amend certain parts of the Constitution of this State.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Rep-

presentatives having signed the act for the relief of the heirs of the late Andrew Fulton, deceased; I am directed to lay it before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomasson, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act authorising the printing and distributing the Laws and Journals of the present General Assembly; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing act, the same was delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills to be laid before the Governor.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private Secretary.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the Governor, to inform the Senate, that he did, on the third instant, approve and sign the act, entitled, “an act to amend an act, entitled, an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of Justices of the Peace;” Approved January 28, 1818, which originated in the Senate.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois,” was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to locate and establish a permanent state road from Evansville, on the Ohio river to Terre Haute, in Vigo county,

Mr. Gray in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Gray reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the foregoing amendments.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the last mentioned act be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives: entitled "an act to amend an act subjecting real and personal property to execution;" Approved 7th January, 1818.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird reported, that the Committee according to order had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through, desire leave to sit again.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned till 2 o'clock this evening.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the engrossed Bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act subjecting real and personal property to execution;" Approved January 7th, 1818, and that the same be referred to a select Committee.

Whereupon.

Messrs. Drew, Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Gray, Harrison, Little, Montgomery, Pennington, and Polke, were appointed that Committee.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act appointing Commissioners to fix the permanent seat of justice for the county of Wayne.

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Pennington moved,

That the Senate concur in the amendment made by the Committee of the whole on the above, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Harrison, Little & Montgomery.

And those in the negative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Gray, Pennington, & Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided in the affirmative.

And the same was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Harrison.

Ordered. That the further consideration of the above Bill be indefinitely postponed.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act authorising the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus, and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Evans, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, “an act for the benefit of the heirs of James Marrs, deceased,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Milroy, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled an act, to provide for the election of county and township officers, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Holman, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled an act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Hay, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Borough of Charlestown in the county of Clark, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Evans, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, the H. of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled “an act for the relief of the poor,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Senate now reconsider the act more effectually to prevent duelling.

Mr. Drew, moved that the further consideration of the Bill, more effectually to prevent duelling, and for other purposes, be indefinitely postponed, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Drew, Cotton, Gray, Harrison, Little, Montgomery, Pennington and Polke,

And so the same was decided in the affirmative.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to the act entitled an act concerning public Seminaries.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same they desire leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole, be discharged from the further consideration of the above bill, and that the same be referred to a select Committee.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew and Little, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Chambers, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Doke, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Polke, presented the petition of William Harris and Frederick Sholts, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Polke,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a select Committee, to report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Polke and Little, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Holman, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an act, supplemental to the act for the appointment of county Commissioners, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, January, 5th.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Harrison, agreeably to previous notice, asked leave to introduce a Bill, authorizing the qualified electors of this state, at the ensuing election, to vote for or against the calling a convention, to amend the Constitution in certain parts, which was read the first time.

And the question being,

Shall this Bill, be read a second time to-morrow?

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Pennington moved, that the further consideration of the Bill, be indefinitely postponed. the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted the affirmative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Brew, Gray, Little, Montgomery, Pennington and Polke.

And in the negative.

Messrs. Baird and Harrison;

And so the same was indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Represen-

tatives, entitled "an act to amend the act providing for the election of county and township officers," was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Warner, a member

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have concurred in the amendment made by Senate, to the Bill for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Davies and Dubois; and then he withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county, was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of James Marrs, dec'd. was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled an act, to incorporate the Borough of Charlestown, in the county of Clark, was read the first time to day.

When Mr. Harrison moved, that the same be indefinitely postponed.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered. That the same be read a second time on Saturday next.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act, supplementary to the act, for the

appointment of surveyors, was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled an act, for the relief of Joseph W. Doak, was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act, for the relief of the poor," was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Bill, to establish a permanent road from Evansville in Vanderburgh county, on the Ohio, to Terre Haute, in Vigo county, lay on the table.

On motion,

The Senate resolved itself to a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to vacate a part of the town of Lanesville.

Mr. Little in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The president resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Little reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, and had made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same, was read a third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be an act, to vacate part of the town of Lanesville, and that Mr. Pennington, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the

whole, on the Bill, for the relief of insolvent debtors.

Mr. Gray in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Gray* reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee, to the above Bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The Bill, for taking an enumeration of all white male inhabitants, of the age of twenty one years, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The joint resolution, for the encouragement of Domestic Manufactures, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

The Bill, divorcing John Reed, from his wife, Jane Reed, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Sullivan*, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled "an act for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Clerk, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington," to which they desire

the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above Bill, was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Drew, from the select Committee, on the Bill supplementary, to the act, entitled "an act regulating public Seminaries," reported, that the Committee, had according to order, the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate, which Bill, was read the first time as amended by the select Committee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the select Committee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, appointing Commissioners, to locate a scite, for the permanent seat of Government, for the State of Indiana.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Harrison moved, that the Senate concur in the amendment to the first section of the Bill, by striking out the words, George Hunt, of Wayne county, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, Jeremiah Cox, Randolph county, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Gray, Harrison, Little & Montgomery.

And those in the negative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Pennington and Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President voted in the affirmative.

And so the amendment was concurred in.

And the question being,

Will the Senate concur in the second amendment made by the Committee of the whole, on the said Bill, which was to strike out the name of Stephen Ludlow, and inserting in lieu thereof, the name of Benjamin I. Blish? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Gray, Harrison, Little and Montgomery.

And those in the negative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Pennington and Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President voted in the affirmative.

And so the amendment was concurred in.

On motion,

Ordered, That the above amendments made by the Committee of the whole, to the balance of the Bill, be concurred in generally.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn for one hour.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Pennington, from the select Committee, on the Bill, to amend the act, entitled "an act to reduce into one, all the acts, and parts of acts relative to crime and punishment," reported the Bill, without amendment.

On motion,

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the above Bill.

Mr. Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein.

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Polke reported that the Committee according to order had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered. That the same be concurred in.

Mr. Drew moved, to indefinitely postpone the above Bill, and the yeas and nays being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, and Polke.

And in the negative,

Messrs. Bird, Biggs, Gray, Harrison, Little, Montgomery and Pennington.

And so it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered. That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Warner, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives, have adopted a memorial to Congress, on the subject of surveying and marking the boundary line between this State, and the State of Illinois, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate. The above memorial, was read the first time.

On motion,

Ordered. That the same lay on the table.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed memorial to Congress, praying compensation to the company of mounted Rangers commanded by Capt. James Biggs, and found it duly enrolled.

Mr. Polke, from the select Committee appointed to

the petition of William Harris and Frederick Sheets, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read the second time on to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.
And then the Senate adjourned.

Thursday, January, 6th.

The memorial to Congress, upon the subject of surveying and marking the bounday line between this State, and the State of Illinois, was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That Mr. Polke, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed Bill, from the H. of Representatives entitled "an act, for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington," was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for this day.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act appointing Commissioners to locate a scite, for the permanent seat of Government, of Indiana," was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, for the relief of insolvent debtors, was read the third time to-day, and passed.

On motion,

Ordered. That the title be an act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

Ordered, That *Mr. Drew*, inform the *House of Representatives* thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Bill, for the relief of John Reed, was read the third time to day.

And the question being,

Shall this Bill pass?

And the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Drew, Gray, Harrison, Montgomery and Pennington.

And those in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Little and Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President voted in the negative.

And so the question was decided in the negative.

The engrossed Bill, to amend an act entitled "an act to reduce into one act, all acts and parts of acts, relative to crime and punishment," was read the third time to day.

And the question being,

Shall the Bill pass?

The yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Gray, Harrison, Little and Pennington.

And those in the negative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Montgomery and Polke.

And so the Bill passed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the title be an act to amend an act, entitled "an act to reduce into one act, all acts and parts of acts, relative to crime and punishment,"

Ordered, That *Mr. Montgomery*, inform the *House of Representatives* thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Wick, their clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed the act defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing and for other purposes, to which they have made an amendment, and desire the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendment made by the House of Representatives, to the above Bill, and that Mr. Drew, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed Bill, supplementary to the act entitled "an act concerning public Seminaries, and for other purposes," was read the third time to day and passed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the title be, an act supplementary to the act, entitled "an act concerning public Seminaries, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, authorising the taking the enumeration of all free white male inhabitants of the age of twenty one years and upwards.

Mr. Cotton in the Chair

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Canon reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same desire leave to sit again.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed the memorial to Congress,

praying compensation to the company of mounted Rangers, commanded by capt. James Bigger.—I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a joint resolution for the encouragement of Domestic Manufactures.

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And *Mr. Montgomery* reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate. By consent all the amendments were concurred, in except the one that strikes out the word "apparel" and to insert in lieu thereof the word "Linsey," and the question being.

Will the Senate concur in the last named amendment?

And the yeas and nays being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baggs, Cotton, Brew, Gray, Montgomery and Pennington.

And those in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Harris, Little and Polke.

And so the amendment was concurred in.

On motion,

Ordered. That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered. That the Senate reconsider the vote given on the engrossed Bill for the relief of John Reed.

On motion,

Ordered. That the above Bill be committed to a select Committee,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pennington and Brew were appointed that Committee, with leave to report thereon.

The engrossed Bill supplemental to the act appointing Surveyors, was read the second time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be committed to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act amendatory to the act, entitled an act for the relief of the poor," from the house of Representatives, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

The engrossed Bill for the relief of Joseph W. Doak, from the House of Representatives, was read the second time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill for the benefit of the heirs of James Marrs, deceased, from the House of Representatives, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, entitled "an act to provide for the election of township and county officers," was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives for the relief of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, Sheriff of Clark county, was read a second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee

of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill for the improving the navigation of the east fork of White River, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock this evening.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate to the act appointing Commissioners to locate a scite to fix the permanent seat of Government for the State of Indiana, except those made to the first section of the act.

Mr. Pennington moved,

That the Senate recede from the first amendment to the first section of the Bill aforesaid, which was the striking out the name of George Hunt, and inserting the name of Jeremiah Cox, and the question being taken, it was decided in the affirmative,

And so the amendment was receded from.

Mr. Pennington then moved,

That the Senate recede from the second amendment made to the first section of the Bill, which was the striking out the name of Stephen Ludlow, and inserting in lieu thereof, Benjamin Blithe; and the yeas and nays being demanded thereon, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Pennington, and Pole.

And those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Gray, Harrison, Little, and Montgomery.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the question in the affirmative,

And so the amendment last mentioned, to the first section of the act aforesaid, was receded from.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act to form a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson, and Washington."

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Baird reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through, the same desire leave to sit again, and the question being, shall the Committee sit again? it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act to amend an act more effectually to prevent duelling," and find it duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act to amend the act, entitled, "an act more effectually to prevent duelling;" I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the above act, the same

was delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, to amend the act, entitled, "an act for the relief of the poor."

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,
And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, that the same be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, creating the office and defining the duties of a Master in Chancery, and find the same duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act creating the office and defining the duties of Master in Chancery;—I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President and then he withdrew.

The President having signed the above act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday Morning, January 17. 7

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Harrison presented the petition of William Taylor, and others, which was read.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a select Committee.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Harrison, Montgomery, and Pennington were appointed that Committee with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Mr. Harrison presented the petition of Thomas Polke, and others, from Perry county, which was read.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select Committee, to report by Bill, or otherwise,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Harrison, Montgomery, and Pennington were appointed that Committee.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson, and Washington."

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The president resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur generally in the amendments made to said Bill.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Se-

late concurring therein, that the Secretary of State be requested to forward to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, certified copies of the memorial to Congress, praying compensation to the company of Mounted Rangers, commanded by Captain James Bigger, and the Secretary of State be furnished with a copy of this resolution, and that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington," be read a third time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time as amended, and the question being, shall the Bill pass? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Gray, Harrison, Little, Montgomery, Pennington and Polke,

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, and Drew,

And so the Bill passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Cotton inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

Mr. Drew, from the select Committee appointed on the Bill for the relief of John Reed, this day reported, that they had the same under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which was read the first time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

The Senate adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Senate, in conformity to a resolution of the House of Representatives, that the Secretary

of State be requested to forward to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, certified copies of the memorial to Congress, praying compensation to the company of Mounted Rangers, commanded by Captain James Bigger, and that the Secretary of State be furnished with a copy of this resolution by the Committee for enrolled Bills, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

Ordered. That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed joint resolution for the encouragement of Domestic Manufactures, was read the third time to-day.

When Mr. Harrison moved,

That the resolution be recommitted to a Committee of the whole, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Fennington moved,

That the further consideration of the said resolution be indefinitely postponed, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

And the question being then put, shall the resolution pass? it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered. That Mr. Catron inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives for the relief of Joseph W. Doak, was read the third time to-day and passed.

Ordered. That Mr. Harrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act for the benefit of the heirs of the late James Marrs, deceased," was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered. That Mr. Harris inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence thereto.

An engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act providing for the election of county and township officers," was read the third time to-day, and passed,

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act to amend an act for the relief of the poor," was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Baird inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, Sheriff of Clark county."

Mr. Little in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Little reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Pennington moved,

That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole to the above Bill.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned till this evening, 2 o'clock.

2 o'clock.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate,

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the House of Representatives, have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington; and then he withdrew.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act supplemental to an act, for the appointment of county surveyors."

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, and had made no amendment thereto.

And on motion of Mr. Baird,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time to-day and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to improve the navigation of the east fork of White River.

Mr. Gray in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Gray reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the several amendments, made by the Committee to the above bill.

Mr. Little moved, that the above Bill, be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon, and the ayes

and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs and Little.

And those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Gray, Harrison, Montgomery, Pennington and Polke.

And so it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Morgan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed an act authorising the citizens of towns to vacate any part thereof, and for other purposes, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above act was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported that they had laid before the governor, for his approval and signature, the following acts and memorials, to wit :

An act to vacate a certain Ferry in the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof.

An act creating the office, and defining the duties of masters in Chancery.

An act to authorise the printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present General Assembly.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of the late Andrew Fulton, dec'd.

A memorial to Congress, praying compensation to a company of mounted Rangers commanded by capt. James Bigger.

And an act to amend an act, entitled "an act more effectually to prevent duelling."

Mr. Harrison asked for and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, requesting our Senators and Representatives to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law for the viewing and marking out the national Road in continuation from Wheeling to St. Charles, in Illinois : which was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Pennington gave notice, that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill for the relief of John Conner, of New Albany.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 9 o'clock, to-morrow.

Saturday, January 8th.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Harrison, from the select Committee appointed on the petition of Thomas Polke, and others, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Harrison, from the Committee appointed on the petition of William Taylor, and others, this day reported by Bill, which was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, to incorporate the Madison Academy, and find it duly enrolled.

Mr. Drew, from the select Committee, appointed on the engrossed Bill, entitled "an act, to amend an act, entitled an act, subjecting real and personal property, to execution;"—Approved January 7th. 1818, reported; that the select Committee had, according to order, the

same under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Pennington, according to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a Bill, for the relief of John Conner and for other purposes, which was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read the second time on Tuesday next.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives*, have passed an act to amend an act entitled “an act, subjecting real and personal estate to execution,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above act, was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same lay on the table.

The engrossed Bill, to improve the east branch of White River, was read the third time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be again referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, for the improvement of the navigation of the east fork of White River.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Baird reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made

several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee to the above Bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the above Bill, be read a third time now.

Whereupon,

The same was read, and

On motion,

Ordered, That the same lay on the table.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon his private secretary.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the Governor, did, on the 7th inst. approve and sign the act to amend the act, entitled “an act more effectually to prevent duelling, and the act, to authorise the printing and distributing the acts and journals of the present General Assembly,” which originated in the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The Bill, divorcing John Reed, from his wife, Jane Reed, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time on Wednesday next.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act, to incorporate the Borough of Charlestown,” was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-day.

The joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading to-day.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act, authorising the citizens of any

town, to vacate the same, or any part thereof," was read the second time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled "an act, authorising the arrest and securing of fugitives from Justice," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above Bill, was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read the second time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act for the limitation of criminal prosecutions," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above Bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read the second time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Allen, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act to prohibit wearing concealed weapons," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

Which was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered. That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Danbar, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act to amend the act, entitled an act, respecting county Seminaries, and for other purposes." Approved January 26, 1848; to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above Bill was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered. That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed the engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act to amend the act, entitled an act defining and regulating privileges," and an engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act authorising the arrest of Naval Vessels in certain cases," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The foregoing Bills were severally read, and ordered to a second reading on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Grass, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act divorcing Sally Griffiths from her husband William Griffiths," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above Bill was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock this evening.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Briggs asked and obtained leave to introduce a Bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act authorising the appointment of Pilots," which was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time on Tuesday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Hay, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed the act to incorporate the Madison Academy; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the above act it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act to incorporate the Borough of Charlestown,"

Mr. Harrison in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Harrison reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate,

On motion,

Ordered. That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled “an act to attach the new purchase to the counties therein named,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The foregoing Bill was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be referred to a select Committee to consider and report thereon.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew, Little, Polke, Baird, Cotton and Montgomery, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, assistant clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, “an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the payment of fines,” an engrossed Bill, entitled, “an act providing for the sale of part of the Public Square in the town of Corydon,” and an engrossed Bill, entitled, “an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, “an act providing for the sale of part of the Public Square, in the Town of Corydon,” was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, “an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the payment of fines,” was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, “an act declaring certain streams therein

named, public highways," was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The engrossed joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, was read the third time day, and adopted.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until Monday evening, 9 o'clock.

Monday Morning, January 10.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew, from the joint Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they had compared the following enrolled with the engrossed Bills, and find them duly rolled, to wit:

the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purposes.

the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, amendatory to act, entitled, "an act entitled an act for the relief of poor."

the enrolled with the engrossed Bill for the benefit of the heirs of James Marrs, deceased.

the enrolled with the engrossed Bill for the relief of William Hoggatt.

the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, regulating fees on protested Bills of exchange.

the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, for the relief of Joseph W. Doak.

the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, appointing

Commissioners, to locate a scite for the permanent Seat of Government of Indiana.

The enrolled with the engrossed memorial to Congress, upon the subject of surveying and marking the boundary line between this State, and the State of Illinois.

The enrolled with the engrossed joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian Society, with copies of the Constitution, laws and journals of this State.

The enrolled with the engrossed Bill, authorising the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus.

The enrolled with the engrossed Bill, to amend an act, entitled "an act to provide for the election of county and township officers."

And the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act, to authorise the vacation of towns or any part thereof, by the citizens thereof, as amended," was read the third time to-day and passed.

On motion,

Ordered That Mr. Morrison, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desue their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, divorcing John Reed, from his late wife, Jane Reed, was read the third time to-day.

And the question being,

Shall this bill pass?

The yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Drew, Gray, Harrison, Montgomery and Pennington.

And those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Little and Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the same in the affirmative.

And so the Bill passed.

Ordered, That the title be an act, to divorce John Reed, from his late wife, Jane Reed, and that Mr. Drew, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the incorporating the town of Charlestown," was read the third time to day as amended and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives entitled "an act for the arresting and securing fugitives from justice," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the limitation of prosecutions for crimes," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives entitled "an act to prevent the wearing of concealed weapons," was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act respecting county Seminars, and for other purposes;" Approved Jan. 21st. 1848, lie on the table.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act, defining and regulating privileges," was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a committee

of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act, authorising the arrest of vessels in certain cases," was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act divorcing Sally Griffith from husband William Griffiths", was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That that the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day to-morrow.

The Bill, to attach a part of the present court Spencer, to the county of Perry, and for other purposes, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill, to authorise the board of county Commissioners of Perry county, to appropriate lot No. 18 of the town of Rome, to and for the use of a public School House, and for other purposes, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act declaring certain streams the named Public Highways," was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee

whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act subjecting real and personal property to execution;" Approved January the 7th, 1818, was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill to confirm the seat of Justice for the county of Wayne.

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Montgomery reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through, they desire leave to sit again.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be informed that the Senate are now ready to form themselves into a Court of Impeachment, for the trial of Bazil Prather, esq. Clerk of Washington Circuit Court, and wish to know when the managers appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, will be ready to prosecute the impeachment exhibited against Bazil Prather.

Ordered, That Mr. Little, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the following acts, I am directed to lay them before the Senate, for the signature of the President, to wit:

An act for the formation of a new county out of the

counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington.

An act amendatory to the act entitled "an act for the relief of the poor."

An act defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing and for other purposes.

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act to provide for the election of county and township officers."

An act appointing Commissioners to locate a site, for the Permanent Seat of Government of Indiana.

An act for the relief of Joseph W. Doak.

A joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian Society, with copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of this State.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of James Marrs, dec'd.

An act for the relief of William Hoggatt.

An act regulating damages on protested Bills of exchange.

An act authorising the issuing of writs of Habeas Corpus.

And a memorial to Congress, upon the subject of surveying and marking out the boundary line between this State, and the State of Illinois.

The President having signed the several foregoing acts, the same were delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

The Senate resolved itself into a Court of Impeachment for the trial Basil Prather, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the county of Washington.

On motion,

Ordered. That the Senate adjourn until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, January 9th. 1876

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew, from the joint Committee for enrolled Bills reported that, they did on the 10 instant, lay before the Governor for his approval and signature, the following acts and memorials to wit:

An act to incorporate the Madison Academy.

An act defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purposes

An act for the relief of William H. Eggett.

An act appointing Commissioners to locate a seat, for the permanent seat of Government of Indiana.

An act for the relief of Joseph V. Duak.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the election of county and township officers"

A joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian Society, with copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of this state

An act for the formation of a new county, out of the Counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington.

A memorial to Congress on the subject of surveying and marking the boundary line between this State, and the state of Illinois.

An act authorising the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus.

An act amendatory to "an act for the relief of the poor."

And an act for the benefit of the heirs of James Mears-decd.

The engrossed Bill, authorizing the board of county Commissioners in and for the county of Perry, to appropriate lot No. 183, in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a School House, and for other purposes, was read the third time to-day and passed.

Ordered, that the title be an act authorizing the County Commissioners, in and for the county of Per-

ry. to appropriate lot No. 183 in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a School House, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act authorising the arresting and securing fugitives from justice," was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Polke inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled. "an act to amend the act, entitled an act subjecting real and personal property to execution;" Approved January 7, 1848.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The president resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Harrison moved,

That the Senate concur in all the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, except the amendment to strike out the words one year, and to insert in lieu thereof, the words nine months. for stay of execution, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

And the question being taken on the amendment made to said Bill, by striking out the words one year, and inserting in lieu thereof, nine months, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Little moved further to amend said Bill, by striking out the words "or personal," in the sixth line of

the third section of the Bill, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Gray, Little, Montgomery, Pennington and Polke.

And those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Drew, and Harrison.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the same in the affirmative,

And so the amendment was adopted,

Ordered That the same be read a third time now.

Whereupon,

The same was read as amended, and the question being,

Shall this Bill pass?

And the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Drew, and Harrison,

And those in the negative, were

Messrs. Gray, Little, Montgomery, Pennington, and Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the same in the affirmative.

And so the Bill passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Hay, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment made by the Senate, to the Bill to incorporate the Borough of Charleston; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have received the act to vacate a certain Ferry in the town of Jeffersonville,

and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, and for other purposes, from the Governor, with his objections thereto, and have examined the same, and have repassed the said Bill.

That they had also passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act to amend an act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then withdrew.

The last mentioned Bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion.

Ordered, That it be read a second time on to-morrow.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill to attach a part of the present county of Spencer to the county of Perry, and for other purposes;

Mr. Little in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And *Mr. Little* reported, that the Committee, according to order had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered. That the Senate concur in the amendments made to the above Bill.

Ordered. That the said Bill be considered as engrossed, and read the third time to day,

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time to day.

And the question being,

Shall the Bill pass?

And the yeas being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, D w, Harrison, Little, and Montgomery

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Gray, Pennington, and Polke

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the same in the affirmative.

And so the Bill passed.

Ordered. That the Bill be an act to attach a part of the present county of Spencer to the county of Perry, and that Mr. Harrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private Secretary.

Mr. President—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the Governor did, on this day, approve and sign the act defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purpose; which originated in the Senate.

Ordered. That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

The Senate took up the reconsideration of the act to vacate a certain Ferry in the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, with the Governor's objections thereto.

And after consideration thereof,

The question was,

Shall the Bill pass notwithstanding the objections aforesaid?

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Harrison, Montgomery, and Polke.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Drew, Gray, Little, and Pennington.

And so the motion was decided in the negative.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the

whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, 'an act to prohibit the wearing of concealed weapons.'

Mr. Cotton in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Cotton reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole to the above Bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time now as amended.

Whereupon,

The same was read a third time to-day, as amended, and passed.

Ordered. That Mr. Baird inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the limitation of criminal prosecutions."

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The president resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made to the said Bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read now.

Whereupon,

The same was read as amended.

And the question being,
Shall this Bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Allen, a member.

Mr. President, —I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, prohibiting the wearing concealed weapons; and then he withdrew.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the benefit of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, Sheriff of Clark county."

Mr. Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Polke reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the same under consideration; made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time as amended and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

Mr. Harison moved that the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act

divorcing Sally Griffiths, from her husband, William Griffiths."

And the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr Pennington,

Ordered, That the above Bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act declaring certain streams therein named Public Highways."

Mr. Gray in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Gray reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the above named amendments.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read the third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time to-day as amended and passed.

Ordered, That Mr Polke, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornon, their Assistant Clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, on the subject of a national Road from Wheeling to St. Charles, in the Missouri, to which they have

made an amendment, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered. That the Senate concur in the amendment made by the House of Representatives, to the above joint resolution.

Ordered. That Mr. Harrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. John, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act to amend the act, entitled "an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution."

On motion of Mr. Polke,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Bill to improve the navigation of the east fork of White river.

And the question being,

Shall the Bill pass?

The yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Gray, Harrison and Polke.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Little, Montgomery and Pennington.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided in the affirmative.

And so the Bill passed.

Ordered. That the title be an act to improve the navigation of the east fork of White river.

Ordered. That Mr. Polke inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in

the amendments made by the Senate, to the act, for the limitation of public prosecutions.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives entitled "an act to amend an act, defining and regulating privileges."

Mr. Harrison in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Harrison reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, and amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Morgan, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act for the vacating of towns. and for other purposes; and then he withdrew

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Coleman, a member

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives do not concur in the amendment made by the Senate to the engrossed Bill, entitled "an act for the benefit of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county. and Joseph Gibson Sheriff of Clark county;" and then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered. That the Senate adhere to their amendments made to the above bill, and that Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill, from the House of Repre-

representatives entitled "act for the arrest of naval vessels in certain cases."

Mr. Little in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Little reported that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made an amendment thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for fines," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The Bill, for the relief of John Conner, and for other purposes, was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill, to amend the act, entitled "an act providing for the appointment of a Pilot, at Jeffersonville," was read the second time to day.

Ordered. That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives entitled "an act to provide for the sale of part of the Public Square in the town of Corydon," was read the second time to day.

On motion,

Ordered That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Ordered. That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, half after eight o'clock.

*Wednesday Morning, half after eight.**January 12th.*

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Gray, asked and obtained leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an act, entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Lawrenceburgh," which was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives entitled "an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for fines," was read the third time to-day and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Little, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to amend the act, entitled "an act, authorising the appointment of a Pilot, at Jeffersonville."

Mr. Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Polke reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through, desire time to sit again.

And the question being,

Shall the Committee sit again?

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Drew then moved, to indefinitely postpone the Bill, and the question being taken thereon, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Drew, Gray, Harrison and Montgomery.

And those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Little, Pennington and Polke

And so it was decided in the negative

On motion,

Ordered. That the same be referred to a select Committee to examine and report thereon.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Beggs, Polke and Cotton, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President. — I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives insist upon their objections to the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill, for the benefit of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, Sheriff of Clerk county.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock this evening.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives entitled, "an act to amend an act, regulating the taking up estrays, and water crafts going adrift," was read the second time to day

Order d. That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day, for to-morrow.

Order d. That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday, Jan. 12th.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill for the benefit of John Conner, and for other purposes.

Mr. Drew in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Drew reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the said amendments.

Mr. Drew moved, to amend the Bill, by striking out the first section thereof.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That it be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act providing for the sale of part of the Public Square in the town of Corydon."

Mr. Harrison in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Harrison reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration made some progress therein, but not having had time to go through, desire leave to sit again, and leave was granted to sit again.

Mr. Pennington, from the Committee of free conference, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, on the Bill for the benefit of Widows, reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that the Committee had substituted the following in lieu of the first section of the Bill, to wit:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That in all cases where any person has heretofore died intestate, or may hereafter die intestate, having purchased any lands from the United States previous to such persons decease, and by that means become possessed of an equitable title thereto, but who shall not have completed the payments thereon previous to the passage of this act, and who shall not have assigned, transferred, or otherwise divested themselves of such equitable title previous to such persons decease, nor obligated themselves so to do, but such equitable title shall have descended, or may hereafter descend to the heirs of such deceased, free from any other incumbrance than the lien which the United States holds on such lands until the payments are completed, and the money due and unpaid for said lands, shall hereafter be paid out of the estate of such decedant for the benefit of the heirs of such decedent; the widow of such deceased person shall be entitled to her right of dower in said lands, in the same manner she would have been if her deceased husband had died legally possessed of a legal title thereto, any law, usage, or custom heretofore in force in this state, to the contrary notwithstanding.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the foregoing report of the Committee of free conference.

Ordered, That Mr Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, "an act to amend an act entitled an act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift."

Mr. Polke in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Polke reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made

several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered. That the Senate concur in the amendments made to the above Bill.

Mr. Harrison moved,

To indefinitely postpone the above Bill, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Ordered. That the above bill be read a third time now as amended,

When upon.

The same was read and passed.

Ordered. That Mr. Morrison inform the *House of Representatives* thereof, and desire their concurrence thereon.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed by the *House of Representatives*, to inform the Senate, that they have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved. That a Committee of free conference be appointed on the part of this *House*, on the disagreement of the two *Houses*, on the subject of the amendments made by the Senate, to the Bill from the *House of Representatives*, for the relief of the Sheriffs of Wayne and Clark counties, and that a similar Committee be requested on the part of the Senate.

I am also directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives* have appointed Messrs. Ross and Morgan, managers on their part.

On motion,

Ordered. That Messrs. Beggs and Baird be appointed a Committee of free conference on the part of the Senate, on the subject matter of difference between the two houses, on the Bill for the relief of the Sheriffs of Wayne and Clark counties.

Ordered. That Mr. Pennington inform the *House of Representatives* thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Jelly, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an act extending the limits of the corporation of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearborn county, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The Bill to amend the act, entitled, “an act incorporating the town of Lawrenceburgh,” was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

2 o'clock.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ewing, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the passage of the act authorising the Board of Commissioners for the county of Perry, to appropriate lot No. 183, in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a public School House, and for other purposes; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill authorising the arrest and securing fugitives from justice.

The enrolled with the engrossed Bill authorising the citizens of Monroe county, and other counties therein named, to elect a President and Trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes.

The enrolled with the engrossed Bill to prohibit the wearing concealed weapons.

The enrolled with the engrossed Bill to incorporate the borough of Charlestown, in the county of Clarke.

And the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, authorising the Board of County Commissioners in and for the county of Perry, to appropriate lot No. 183, in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a Public School House, and for other purposes; and find them duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill to encourage the manufacturing of Salt in this state, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The foregoing Bill was read the first time to-day,
Ordered, That that the same be read a second time on to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives do not concur in the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill to amend an act, entitled, "an act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift;" and then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate insist upon their amendments made to the said Bill.

Ordered. That Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Grass, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, "an act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above Bill was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill providing for the taking of the enumeration of all free white males of the age of twenty-one years and upwards,

Mr Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Polke reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, to the above law.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr Thornton, assistant clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives insist upon their objections to the amendments made by the Senate, to the act to amend an act, entitled, “an act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift;” and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Chambers, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled, “an act for the benefit of certain lessees” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, which was read the first time to day.

Ordered. That it be read a second time on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the Senate adhere to their amendments made to the act, entitled, “an act to amend the act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift.”

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Beggs,

Ordered, That the time of *Mr. Francis N. Moore*, as Sergeant at Arms for the Senate, expire this day.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Hay*, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act to authorise the Board of County Commissioners of Perry county to appropriate lot No. 183. in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a Public School House, and for other purposes.

An act authorising the citizens of Monroe county, and other counties therein named, to elect a President and Trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes.

An act to prohibit the wearing of concealed weapons.

An act supplemental to an act, for the appointment of County Surveyors.

An act to incorporate the Borough of Charlestown, in the county of Clarke.

And an act authorising the arrest and securing of fugitives from Justice; I am directed to lay them before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled Bills, to be laid before the Governor.

Mr. Drew gave notice that he would on to morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill abolishing estates tail, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Thornton*, their assistant Clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed Bill, entitled “an act to secure the collection of a certain debt due the State.”

An engrossed Bill, entitled “an act, supplemental to an act to regulate Taverns.”

And an act for the benefit of insolvent debtors, with some amendments; to all which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House of Representatives, to the act for the relief of insolvent debtors

Ordered, That Mr. Drew, inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed Bill supplemental to the act, to regulate Taverns, and for other purposes, was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson, to collect a certain debt due the State," was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, desire a Committee of conference on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses on the act, to amend the act, regulating estrays, and water crafts going adrift, and that they have appointed Messrs. Thompson and Merrill, managers on their part.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery, and Pennington, of the Committee of conference, be appointed managers on the part of the Senate, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, on the above named Bill, and that Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Zenor, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have concurred in

the amendments made by the Senate, to the engrossed Bill, entitled "an act declaring certain streams therein named Public Highways;" and then he withdrew.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, to confirm the seat of justice for the county of Wayne.

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Montgomery reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through, desire leave to sit again.

And the question being,

Shall the Committee sit again?

It was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Wick, their Clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed the act, divorcing John Reed, from his wife, Jane Reed.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

Friday, January 14th,

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the engrossed with the enrolled Bill, to amend an act, entitled "an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution," and find it duly enrolled

Mr. Polke gave notice that he would on to morrow, ask leave to introduce an act, for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the Records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire at Vincennes, in the year 1814.

The Senate again resumed the consideration of the Bill, for the relief of John Conner.

And the question being,

Shall the Bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be an act, for the relief of John Conner.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs, inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

Mr. Beggs, from the Committee of free conference on the subject matter of difference between the two, Houses, on the Bill, for the relief of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, Sheriff of Clark county, reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, and had agreed, that the Senate should recede from their amendments made to the Bill, so far as the same relates to the Sheriff of Clark county.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the report of the Committee of conference as above stated.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs, inform the House of Representatives thereof:

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the report of the managers of the free conference, appointed by both Houses, on the subject matter of difference between them, on the Bill, for the relief of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, Sheriff of Clark county; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed Bill, entitled "an act to vacate towns and for other purposes."

And the engrossed with the enrolled joint resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana, to Congress, on the subject of a national Road, from Wheeling, to St. Charles, and find them duly enrolled.

The Bill to provide for the taking the enumeration of all the free white males of the age of twenty-one, and upwards, was read the third time to day.

And on motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a select Committee, to consider and report thereon.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Little, Montgomery, and Pennington, were appointed that Committee.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill, to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Lawrenceburgh."

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

and after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act supplemental to the act, to regulate Taverns," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order for to day.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representative, entitled "an act for the benefit of certain lessees," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be read the third time on to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

The engrossed bill from the *House of Representatives*, entitled "an act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson to collect a certain debt due the state," was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the *House of Representatives*, entitled "an act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased," was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read the third to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the *House of Representatives*, entitled "an act extending the limits of the corporation of the town of the Rising Sun, in Dearborn county," was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read the third time on to-morrow.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Thornton, their assistant clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the *Senate*, that the *House of Representatives* have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act dissolving the bands of matrimony between Jubilee and Eleanor Duese."

And an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to expedite the collection of debts due the state," to which they desire the concurrence of the *Senate*; and then he withdrew.

The last mentioned bill was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the *House of Representatives*, entitled "an act dissolving the bands of matrimony between Jubilee and Eleanor Duese," was read the third time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the same be indefinitely postponed.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the joint resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana to Congress, on the subject of a national road from Wheeling to St. Charles.

The act to vacate towns, and for other purposes.

And an act to amend an act, entitled “an act subjecting real and personal property to execution,” approved 7th January, 1818. I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the above acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act providing for the sale of part of the public square in the town of Corydon,”

Mr. Harrison in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Harrison reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, made an amendment thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered. That the further consideration of the same be indefinitely postponed.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to confirm the seat of justice for the county of Wayne,

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Montgomery reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration,

made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered. That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole to the above bill.

Ordered. That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Friday, 2 o'clock.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state,"

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Pennington reported, that the Committee had, according to order, the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through, desire leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the Committee on the above bill have leave to sit again.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act supplemental to the act regulating taverns,"

Mr. Harrison in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Harrison reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the above bill under consideration, made an amendment thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered. That the above bill be indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to amend an act, subjecting real and personal estate to execution," was read the second time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to establish a state Seminary, and for other purposes;" and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to amend the act relative to foreign and domestic attachments," which was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they had, on this day, laid before the Governor, for his approval and signature, the following acts, to wit:

The act authorising the citizens of Monroe county, and other counties therein named, to elect a President and trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes.

The act supplemental to an act, for the appointment of county Surveyors.

The act to incorporate the borough of Charlestown, in the county of Clark.

The act authorising the arrest and securing of fugitives from justice.

The act authorising the county Commissioners of

the county of Perry, to appropriate lot No. 183 in the town of Home, to and for the use of a public school house, and for other purposes.

The act to amend an act, entitled "an act subjecting real and personal property to execution," approved 7th January, 1818.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana to Congress, on the subject of a national road.

And the act to vacate towns, and for other purposes.

Mr. Drew, agreeably to notice heretofore given, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill abolishing estates tail, and for other purposes, which was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

Saturday, January 15, 1818.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew, from the select Committee to whom was referred the act attaching the New Purchase to the counties therein named, and for other purposes, reported, that they had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, which was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Polke, agreeably to notice heretofore given, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to revive the act, entitled "an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire in the year 1814," which was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the benefit of certain lessees," was read the third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Gray inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed bill to amend an act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, in Dearborn county, was read the third time to day, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be an act to amend an act, for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn county.

Ordered, That Mr. Gray inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased," was read the third time to day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Cotton inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act extending the limits of the corporation of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearborn county," was read the third time to day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Gray inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act authorising Joel D. Thomason to collect a certain debt due the state,"

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

And the question being put, shall the Senate concur

in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, it was decided in the negative.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time to day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled 'an act to expedite the collection of debts due the state,' was read the second time to day.

Ordered That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act establishing a State Seminary, and for other purposes," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to day.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled 'an act to amend the act regulating foreign and domestic attachments,' was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time on Monday next.

The bill abolishing estates tail and for other purposes, was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. May, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the nonpayment of fines, and the act declaring certain streams therein named public highways; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.—The President having signed the foregoing acts they were deliv-

vered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act for the formation of a new county, out of Daviess and Dubois, I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President;—The President having signed the above act it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the governor.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act establishing a State Seminary, and for other purposes.”

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole, on the above bill.

Mr. Drew moved further, to amend the bill by striking out the following proviso, to wit: “*Provided*, that two thousand acres of land in Monroe county, above vested in the said Trustees, be forever reserved by said Trustees, as a glebe for the said Seminary, and for the use of the professors thereof,” and the question being taken thereon.

It was decided in the affirmative,

Mr. Drew then moved, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, until the first Monday in December next, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Drew, Gray, Pennington and Polke.

And those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Little and Montgomery, and so it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the bill aforesaid lie on the table.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to expedite the collection of debts due the state."

Mr. Little in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Little reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, and made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendment made in the Committee of the whole, to the before named bill.

Ordered That the same be read a third time on Monday next,

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant Clerk

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that they have passed the act to organize a board of Physicians, in the 4th judicial circuit of the State of Indiana, and for other purposes, and an act to vacate a part of the town of Lanesville, which originated in the Senate, without amendment, they have also passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act to amend the act assessing and collecting the revenue;" approved January 28th, 1818, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The last mentioned bill was read the first time to day.

Ordered. That the same be read the second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till this afternoon, 3 o'clock.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Morgan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act regulating Grist Mills and Millers,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The last mentioned bill entitled “an act,” was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives, have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to authorise the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The foregoing bill was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time on Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed the act to amend the act entitled “an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes,” which originated in the Senate, and have made some amendments thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Several amendments made by the House of Representatives to the above bill, were read.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the said amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Monday Morning, January 17th, 1826.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill declaring certain streams therein named public highways.

The enrolled the engrossed bill for the relief of persons imprisoned for the nonpayment of dues.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill to amend the act entitled "an act to establish and regulate Ferries."

The enrolled with the engrossed bill for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhoades, dec'd.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill for the benefit of certain lessees.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill to authorise Joel D. Thomasson, to collect a certain debt due the state.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill extending the limits of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearborn county.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill for the relief of insolvent debtors.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill to organize a Board of Physicians in the 4th judicial circuit of the state of Indiana and for other purposes.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill, divorcing John Reed, from his wife Jane Reed.

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill to vacate a part of the town of Lanesville, and find them duly enrolled.

The Committee did also on the 15th instant, lay be-

fore the governor for his approval and signature, the following acts, to wit:

An act for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois.

An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the non-payment of fines.

And an act declaring certain streams therein named public highways.

Mr. Pennington from the Committee of conference on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, on the bill regulating the disposition of water crafts found going adrift, & stray animals, reported, that they had the same under consideration, and had agreed that the House of Representatives should recede from their objections to the amendments made by the Senate to the said bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the report made by the above named Committee, and that Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant Clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state,” and an act to incorporate the Vincennes benevolent society, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state,” was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled ‘an act to incorporate the Vincennes benevolent society,’ was read the first time to day.

On motion by Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. May, a member.

Mr. President.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed the act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

The act to vacate a part of the town of Lanesville.

The act divorcing John Reed, from his late wife, Jane Reed.

And the act to authorise a board of Physicians in the 4th judicial circuit of the state of Indiana, and for other purposes.—I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President; the President having signed the above acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the Governor.

Mr. Beggs from the select Committee to whom was referred the bill for taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above the age of twenty one years, in this state, this day reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which were read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read a second time to day, and

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for to-day.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled 'an act to amend an act relative to foreign and domestic attachments,' was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representa-

lives, entitled "an act to facilitate the collection of debts due the state," was read the third time to-day as amended, and the question being put, shall this bill pass? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Harrison, Little, Montgomery, and Polke,

And those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Gray and Pennington.

And so it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill abolishing estates tail, and for other purposes, be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The bill to revive an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered, or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was destroyed by fire at Vincennes, in the year 1814, was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act attaching the New Purchase to the counties therein named, and for other purposes," was read a second time to-day.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to day.

Mr. Drew moved that the further consideration of the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act regulating grist mills and millers," be postponed until the first Monday in December next, and the yeas and nays being demanded thereon by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Cotton, Drew, Harrison, and Polke.

And those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Gray, Little, Montgomery, and Pennington.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the same in the affirmative.

And so the same was postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to authorise the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed," was read the second time to-day, when Mr. Harrison moved, that the same be indefinitely postponed, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act to expedite the collection of debts due the state, and then he withdrew.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private secretary.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the Governor did, on the 14th instant, approve and sign the act to authorise the board of county Commissioners of Perry county to appropriate lot No. 183, in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a public school-house, and for other purposes.

Also, a joint resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana to Congress, on the subject of a national road from Wheeling to St. Charles.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to amend the act for assessing and collecting the revenue," approved January 28, 1818, was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole house, and made the order of the day for to day.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled “an act to render proceedings on writs of mandamus and informations, in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy and effectual,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act attaching the New Purchase to the counties therein named,”

Mr. Pennington in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Pennington reported, that they had, according to order, the same under consideration, and have made no amendment thereto.

The above bill was read the third time to-day as amended, and the question being put, shall the bill pass? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Harrison, Little, Montgomery and Polke.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Gray and Pennington.

And so the bill passed.

Ordered, That Mr Baird inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill regulating the disposition of water crafts going adrift, and estray animals, and find it duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Hay, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed

The act for the benefit of certain lessees.

The act to amend the act, entitled “an act to establish and regulate Ferries.”

The act extending the limits of the corporation of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearborn county.

The act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased.

And the act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson to collect a certain debt due the state.

I am directed to lay the same before the Senate, for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor for his approval and signature.

The engrossed bill to establish a State Seminary, and for other purposes, was read the third time to-day, as amended, and the question being put, shall the bill pass? and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Cotton, Harrison, Little and Montgomery.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Drew, Gray, Pennington and Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President voted in the affirmative, and so the bill passed as amended.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 3 o'clock.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private secretary.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the Governor to deliver, the Senate the following written message:

To the Senate of the State of Indiana.

I now submit, for the information of the General Assembly, copies of two letters, one of which received from, and the other addressed to, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, on the subject of fugitives from the justice of this state.

During the year 1818, Col. John Weathers was appointed as the agent in behalf of this state, to demand of the executive authority of Kentucky, certain persons, resident thereof, who had been indicted by the grand jurors of the county of Clark, for kidnapping. The agent, in this instance, has informed me, that he forwarded the documents necessary in this case, but has not received any answer thereto.

At an after period, the grand jurors for the county of Harrison, indicted certain other persons, resident of the same state, for kidnapping a certain person of color named Susan. This act was done during those hours which are requisite to constitute burglary; entering an house that was occupied as a mansion, and forcing her off without affording time to be invested with her usual apparel. The grand jurors, however, have indicted those persons for kidnapping only; though it is believed that some of them at least, were equally subject to be indicted of the crime of burglary.

Since the latter indictment, some time was suffered to elapse, with the hope that one or more of the persons indicted, might again be found within the bailwick of

the sheriff in whose hands process was resting for their apprehension. This expectation being disappointed, General John Tipton was duly authorized as agent in behalf of the state in this instance, upon whose prudence and promptitude every reliance was placed. Upon his appointment, he proceeded to the seat of Government of Kentucky, and made a formal demand, which was answered by the former of the letters, copies of which are herewith presented. The indefinite terms of this letter, with regard to the alledged defect, in the indictments, upon which the demand was made, render it difficult to ascertain those defects with precision, at least, until a further communication shall be received from the Governor of Kentucky, which was hoped for prior to this date.

Since my last letter on this subject, I have examined the original bills of indictment, to one of which there seems to be an objection, inasmuch as it concludes "against the peace and dignity of the United States," instead of concluding "against the peace and dignity of the state of Indiana." And it may be possible, that a variance may exist between the copies certified to me, and the originals.

Such violations of our penal laws, with impunity, while they are qualified to detract from the dignity, are equally calculated to impair the rights of the sovereignty of the state; and so long as a portion of our citizens shall countenance or encourage such infractions upon claims to protection, under the constitutional laws of the state, so long may we expect the deleterious effects of their influence.

To discharge our duty with promptitude towards every member of the union, should be an high object as a government, connected with, and bounded by, the ties which give force to that union; and as promptly to require a like discharge of duty from others, whenever constitutionally we are permitted, and our rights authorise such demand.

Expences have accrued, and may accrue on this subject, which will be provided for by the General Assembly, as far as necessity may require

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

January 15th, 1820.

*State of Kentucky,
Executive Office, Dec. 11, 1819.*

SIR—I have had the honor to receive your excellency's letter of the 30th ult. demanding Robert Stephens, James Thompson, and Jesse Young, as fugitives from the justice of your state, and covering the documents on which you make this demand.

With your excellency, I deeply regret the existence of cases requiring the exercise of this branch of our mutual duty.

The conflicting policy of different states, renders it in some instances, a matter of difficult and delicate interference, and demand, in all cases, a compliance with the requisites of law, before a citizen of one state should be deprived of his liberty, and unheard sent to another for trial.

The demand which your excellency has made, not being brought within the provisions of the Constitution and laws which point out my duty in such applications, I must decline interfering. Had the case been one within the provisions of the law, I should, without hesitation, have complied with your request.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your most obedient,

GABRIEL SLAUGHTER.

His Excellency Jonathan Jennings,
Governor of Indiana.

Corydon, Dec. 24th, 1819.

SIR.—I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of the 11th inst. acknowledging the demand, on my part, of Robert Stephens, Jas. Thompson and Jesse Young, as fugitives from the justice of this state.

It is for me to repeat the regret, that such instances should occur to render such demands unavoidable on my part. It has been the policy of this state, and certainly has been mine, to provide as far as the principles of the Constitution of our state would permit, in addition to the Constitution and laws of the U. States, to facilitate the reclamation of fugitives from labor, who may have fled to this state, to avoid the service which may be due from them to persons claiming their labor. Our statutes prescribe punishment for those who shall harbour or prevent any person from reclaiming under the authority of law, fugitives from labor escaping for it safe within the limits of the state.

Believing that it has been an object with this state, to discharge its duty to other and older members of the Union, with more confidence therefore shall we expect their constituted authorities to interpose and assist in bringing to public trial those charged with having violated our penal laws, and who may have fled after insulting the sovereignty of our state. Unfortunately this is not the first instance, and my expectations were that a similar demand would have previously been made.

It can only be a secondary object with the people of this state, to bring to punishment the citizens of any other, but it has become necessary to put a final stop to those outrages by inflicting punishment, as an example to others, or by giving impulse to public opinion, that such attempts are not only criminal, but highly derogatory from the duties mutually due from citizens of the U. States to the sovereignty and laws of every state in the Union.

Whether the documents upon which the late demand has been made were sufficient or otherwise, they were such as were certified to me by the order of the Circuit Court for the county of Harrison, under whose jurisdiction the indictments were found, with the expectation that in relation thereto, I should discharge my duty. If however, there shall have been clerical or other mistakes upon this subject, they would have been grounds of defence, when the individuals charged should have been put on their trial. The act of Congress in such cases made and provided, renders an ex parte affidavit made charging the person or persons so demanded, with having committed treason, felony, or other crime, sufficient to support such demand, and it is difficult to conclude that the documents accompanying the demand alluded to, are not more substantial in good faith than that of an affidavit.

The first object of this Government will be to ensure the execution of its laws, with which its sovereignty is inseparably connected, and it will be for the government of Kentucky to explain to the citizens of this state, the principles and reasons upon which your Excellency declines an interference.

Permit me to solicit an early reply, accompanied with the indictments forwarded by Gen. Tipton, late the agent for the state, and accept the assurance of my high respect as well for yourself, as the state over which you preside.

(Signed)

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

On motion,

Ordered, That the foregoing message and documents be referred to a select Committee to examine and report thereon.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew, Polke and Cotton, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate to the act entitled “an act attaching the New purchase to the counties therein named;” and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the first amendment made by the Senate, to the engrossed bill entitled “an act to establish a state Seminary, and for other purposes,” and that they disagree to the other amendments made by the Senate, to said bill; and then he withdrew.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act amendatory to an act, entitled an act for assessing and collecting the revenue.” approved January 28th, 1818.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate, the first and second amendments to the said bill, made by the Committee of the whole, were concurred in by consent, & the question being taken on the third amendment made by the Committee of the whole, which was to add to the end of the first section, the following, ‘on all bank stock actually paid in at the rate of twenty five cents for every hundred dollars,’ and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Gray, Little and Montgomery.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Drew, Harrison, Pennington and Polke, and so the amendment was concurred in.

And the question being taken on the fourth amendment made by the Committee of the whole, which was before silver watch, strike out "twenty five" and insert in lieu thereof, 'fifty,' and before the words "on each gold watch," strike out "fifty cents," and insert in lieu thereof, one dollar. and the ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Gray, Harrison, Little and Pennington.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Montgomery and Polke, and so the amendment was concurred in; all the other amendments to said bill were concurred in by consent.

Ordered. That the foregoing bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private secretary.

Mr. President.—I am directed to deliver the Senate, the following written communication; and then he retired.

Which message was read as follows:

To the Senate of the state of Indiana:—

'Since my message of the 13th inst. I have received another communication, relative to the fugitives from the justice of this state, from the Governor of the state of Kentucky, accompanied by the copies of the indictments, certified to me from the Harrison circuit court, upon which the demand was made copies of this letter, together with copies of the indictments, are herewith laid before the General Assembly.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

January 17th, 1820.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Executive Office, Jan. 18th, 1820.

His Excellency

Jonathan Jennings.

SIR,—I have had the honor of receiving your Excellency's letter of the 24th ult. in answer to mine of the 4th of said month, in which I informed your Excellency, that as the demand made on me, by your letter of the 30th November, and the documents forwarded therewith, of certain persons as fugitives from justice, I must decline interfering, as the case was not brought within the Constitution and laws in such cases provided.

It has always been the object of the government of this state, to promptly discharge its duty, as a member of the Federal Union, as well to the national Government, as to that of the co-ordinate state.

Our Federal Constitution has wisely intrusted to the General Government, the enacting of laws which shall point out the mode, and manner of making application for fugitives from justice, and the consequent duty of the Executive of the state applied to in such cases.

Looking then to the provisions of the laws of Congress, on this subject, and to the letter of your Excellency, and the documents accompanying the same. I could entertain no doubt but that they did not meet the requisitions of the law. In this opinion, I was fortified by the opinion of several Gentlemen of the first respectability, who were consulted by me, and in whose knowledge of the Constitution and laws of the country, great confidence ought to be placed; and upon a review of that opinion, I have no cause to doubt its correctness.

I will take this occasion, to remark, that the decision, which I formed, arose not from any alledged circumstance of the case; but would have governed on a similar application from any other state, and for any other alledged crime.

I therefore forbear making any remarks on the particular case, or upon the particular time chosen for making this application, considering the period which has

clapsed since the transaction is alledged to have taken place.

It would be gratifying to me in the discharge of my official duty, to meet the approbation of any section of our common country, that may be affected by any of my official acts. A careful regard to what the best dictates of my judgment point out as my duty to all concerned, must however, be the means used to attain that end.

I have been thus explicit with your Excellency, as from the tenor of your letter, it would seem you had taken up the idea that in the course I had taken on this subject, there was not a proper respect paid to the constituted authorities of your state;—Than which nothing could have been further from my intentions.

I inclose in pursuance of your request, the documents sent with your former letter. You will discover amongst other things in relation to them, that there is no evidence that they were found by the grand jury.

And it must always be a matter of duty in the Executive of the state applied to, to judge of the sufficiency of the documents on which he is called upon to cause a citizen to be arrested.

I have the honor to be,
your Excellency's
most ob'dt. servant.

GABRIEL SLAUGHTER

State of Indiana. } ss.
Harrison county. }

*Circuit court, Nov. term,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.*

The grand jurors impannelled and sworn to inquire for the body of the county of Harrison, on their oath, present that Robert Stephens, yeoman, and James Thompson, yeoman, and Jesse Young, yeoman, all of the State of Kentucky, on the twenty second day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, at Corydon, in said county of

Harrison, with force and armes, did feloniously and forcibly steal and take Susan, a woman of Colour, and carry her from this state, to the state of Kentucky, against the form of the statute in such case, made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the state of Indiana.

And the jurors aforesaid, on their oath, aforesaid, do further present, that the said Robert Stephens, the said James Thompson, and the said Jesse Young, on the same twenty second day of November, aforesaid, at Corydon, aforesaid, in said county of Harrison, and with force and arms, forcibly arrest the body of Susan, a woman of colour, with the design to take her, the said Susan, out of this state, without establishing the claim of them, the said Robert Stephens, James Thompson, and Jesse Young, or either of them, or the claim of any other person, to the said Susan, according to the laws of this state, or of the United States, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the state of Indiana.

H. HURST, *Pros. Att'y.*

State of Indiana, }
Harrison county } ss.

I Henry W. Heth, Clerk of the Circuit court, of said county, do certify the above to be a true copy of the original indictment filed in my office. In testimony whereof, I have hereto, subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of our said court, at Corydon, this day of in the year 1819, the third year of the state, and of the independence of the United States, the forty fourth

HENRY W. HETH, *Clerk.*

State of Indiana, }
Harrison county. } ss.

The jurors for the state of Indiana, and the body of the county of Harrison, upon their oath, present, that Robert Stephens, late of the county aforesaid, yeoman, on the fifth day of June, in the year one thousand eight

hundred and eighteen, with force and arms in the county aforesaid, with force and arms in the county, and forcibly take and carry out of the state of Indiana, aforesaid, a certain negro woman, named Susan, without establishing his claim according to the laws of the state, or of the United States, contrary to the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

H. HURST, *Proc. Att'y.*

State of Indiana, }
Harrison county. } ss.

I, Henry W. Heth, Clerk of the Circuit Court, of said county, do certify the within to be a true copy of the original indictment filed in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of our said Court, at Corydon, this day of in the year 1819, the third year of the state, and of the independence of the United State, the forty fourth.

HENRY W. HETH, Clk.

Office of State.

Corydon,

I Robert A. New, Secretary of State, for the state of Indiana, certify that Henry W. Heth, whose certificate appears to the two preceding indictments, is Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for the county of Harrison, and state aforesaid, and that full faith and credit should be given to his official acts as such.

Given under my hand, and state seal, of the state, (seal) this 27th day of November, 1819.

R. A. NEW.

On motion,

Ordered, That the foregoing message and documents be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the message dated the 15th inst. to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Drew moved, that the Senate insist upon their a-

amendments made to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to establish a state Seminary and for other purposes," and the question being, will the Senate insist upon their amendments made to said bill, the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Drew, Gray, Pennington and Polke.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Cotton, Harrison, Little and Montgomery.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the same in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant Clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The last mentioned bill was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Morgan, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed the act to amend the act entitled "an act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn county," without amendment; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed the act to amend the act entitled "an act regulating estrays, and water crafts going adrift," I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.—The Presi-

dent having signed the above law, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act supplemental to an act for opening and repairing public roads and highways,” approved 31st Dec. 1818. to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill entitled “an act,” was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The Senate again resumed the consideration of the bill providing for the taking the enumeration of the free white male inhabitants over the age of twenty one years.

Mr. Baird in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Baird reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, to the above bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time.

Whereupon,

The same was read and passed.

Ordered, That the title be an act providing for the taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above the age of twenty one years.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thouten their assistant Clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act to authorise the guardians of Francis V. Mc'Kee, and Archibald Mc'Kee, minor children of Dec. Manuel Mc'Kee, de'd. to sell a certain portion of the estate of the said decedent," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above engrossed bill entitled "an act," was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow 6 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning, Jan. 18th, 1820.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that they did on the 17th inst. lay before the Governor for his approval and signature, the following acts, to wit:

An act to vacate a part of the town of Lanesville.

An act organizing a board of Physicians in the 4th judicial circuit of the state of Indiana, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

An act divorcing John Reed, from his late wife Jane Reed.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, dec'd.

An act extending the limits of the corporation of the town of Rising Sun in Dearborn county.

An act for the benefit of certain lessees.

An act to amend the act entitled "an act to establish and regulate Ferries."

An act to authorise Joel D. Thomason to collect a certain debt due the state.

An act to amend an act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift.

The engrossed bill to revive an act entitled "an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire at Vincennes, in the year 1814," was read the third time to-day and passed

Ordered, That the title be an act to revive an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire at Vincennes, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, approved Sept 7th. 1814.

Ordered, That Mr. Polke inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desires their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act amendatory to an act, entitled an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," approved January 28th, 1813, was read the third time to day as amended, and the question being put, shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to authorise the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed,"

Mr. Drew in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Drew reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, desire leave to sit again; and the question

being put, shall the Committee have leave to sit again? it was decided in the affirmative.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the above bill.

Mr. Gray in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Gray reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the foregoing bill be read the third time to day.

Mr. Little moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "state," in the seventh line of the first section, the following:

"That will pass at par throughout the state."

And the question being taken thereon, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Gray, Little and Montgomery,

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Harrison, Pennington and Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the same in the negative.

And so the motion was lost.

Mr. Gray then offered the following amendment:

"The bill to be so amended, that the loan shall be confined to the paper of the state bank of Indiana."

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Montgomery then moved to amend the first section of the bill, by inserting therein the following:

"Except the Corydon branch bank, and the branch bank at Lawrenceburgh."

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The said bill was then read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Cotton inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives insist upon their objections to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill to establish a state seminary, and for other purposes; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Drew moved that the Senate adhere to their amendments made to the bill to establish a State Seminary, and for other purposes, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate recede from their amendment made to the last mentioned bill.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to render proceedings on writs of mandamus and informations, in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy and effectual," was read the second time to day.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith," was read the second time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that same be read a third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Warner, a member.

Mr. President—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives will meet the Senate in the Hall of Representatives, this evening at three o'clock, to proceed to the election of three directors of the state bank of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months, and the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

I am also directed to inform the Senate, that the H. of Representatives have appointed Mr. Warner teller on their part; and then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved. That the Senate will meet the House of Representatives this evening at three o'clock, in the Representatives Hall, for the purpose of electing three directors of the state bank, for the state of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington be appointed teller on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That he inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act supplemental to an act for opening and repairing public roads and highways," approved Dec. 31st, 1818. was read the second time to day.

Mr. Harrison moved that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until the second Monday in December next.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act authorising the guardians of Francis V. M'Kee and Archibald M'Kee, minor children of the late Doctor Samuel M'Kee, deceased, to sell a certain portion of the estate of said decedent, was read the second time to-day.

A motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a third time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the first and sixth amendments made by the Senate, to the bill amendatory to an act, entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," approved Jan. 28th, 1818.

They refuse to concur in the second, fourth, and fifth amendments made to said bill.

They have also concurred in the third amendment made to said bill, with the following amendment thereto:

"To be listed by the respective cashiers and collected off the corporation," and the question being put, will the Senate concur in the said amendment? it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Harrison moved that the Senate recede from their second amendment made to said bill, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Drew moved that the Senate insist on their fourth and fifth amendments made to said bill, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act supplemental to an act for opening and repairing public highways," approved Dec. 31st. 1818.

Mr. Polke in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Polke reported, that the Committee, according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Harrison moved that the further consideration of the above bill be indefinitely postponed, and the yeas and nays being demanded thereon, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Drew, Harrison, and Montgomery.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Cotton, Gray, Little, Pennington, and Polke.

And so it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Pennington then moved, that the same be referred to a select Committee, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Harrison then moved, that the Senate concur in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole on the above bill, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the above bill be read a third time now.

Whereupon,

The same was read a third time, and the question being put, shall the bill pass? it was decided in the negative.

Ordered That the Senate adjourn till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

2 o'clock,

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.
A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution authorising the reception of certain bank paper in the treasury, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorising the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed,

Mr. Drew in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Drew reported, that the Committee had, according to order, the same under consideration. made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, desire leave to sit again, and the question being, shall the Committee sit again, it was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have receded from their objection to the second amendment made by the Senate to the bill, amendatory to the act, entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," approved

January the 25th, 1848, and they insist upon their objections to the balance of the amendments made by the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate recede from their fourth amendment made to the above bill.

And on further motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adhere to their fifth amendment made to said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Polke, to whom was referred the bill to amend the act, entitled "an act authorising the appointment of a pilot at Jeffersonville," reported, that the Committee had the same under consideration, and deem it inexpedient to make any alteration in the law now in force on that subject.

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the above report.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive the Senate in the Representatives Hall, to proceed to the election of three directors on the part of the state, for the state bank of Indiana.

Mr. Gray offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate reconsider their vote on the objections communicated by his Excellency the Governor, to the bill for the relief of George White, which was decided in the negative.

The Senate repaired to the Representative Hall, to proceed to the election of three Directors, on the part of the state, to the State Bank of Vincennes.

The Senate having discharged the above duty, returned to the Senate Chamber.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow 9 o'clock.

Friday, 19th Jan. 1820.

Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, that this General Assembly will adjourn on Saturday next, sine die, and that the Senate be informed thereof, and requested to adopt a similar resolution; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill to amend the act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn county, passed 26th Dec. 1815.

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill to amend an act entitled “an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary, letters of administration for the settlement of intestate estate, and for other purposes;” and find them duly enrolled.

Mr. Polke from the Committee appointed on the petition of Toussaint Dubois, and Ambrose Whitlock, this day reported thereon by bill, which was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered. That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read a second and third time to-day and passed.

Ordered, That the title be an act for the benefit of the heirs of the late William Jones, dec'd.

Ordered, That Mr. Polke inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence there-
in.

On motion of Mr. Harrison.

Resolved, By the Senate, that this General Assembly will adjourn sine die on Saturday next, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Harris inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Montgomery asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution of the General Assembly, which was read the first time to-day.

On motion.

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant Clerk.

Mr. President. --I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an enrolled bill entitled "an act locating certain permanent roads therein named, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day, when Mr. Pennington moved, that the further consideration of the above bill be postponed until the second Monday in Dec. next, and the question being taken thereon, and the yeas and nays demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Little, Pennington and Polke.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Cotton, Drew, Gray, Harrison and Montgomery.

And so the motion was lost.

Ordered, That the last mentioned bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private secretary.

Mr. President, --I am directed to inform the Senate, that the governor did on the 18th inst. approve and sign an act to organize a board of Physicians in the 4th

judicial circuit of the state of Indiana, and for other purposes.

The act divorcing John Reed from his late wife, Jane Reed.

And the act to vacate part of the town of Lanesville, which originated in the Senate.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill attaching the new purchase to the counties therein named, and for other purposes.

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill to expedite the collection of the debts due the state, and find them duly enrolled.

The joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, was read the third time to-day and passed.

Ordered, That the title be a joint resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled 'an act to render the proceedings on writs of mandamus and information in the nature of quo warranto more speedy and effectual,' was read the third time to-day and passed.

Ordered That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Warner, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act to establish the permanent northern boundary of Daviess county" to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rule be dispensed with, and that

the same be read a second and third time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time to day and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Polke inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thomasson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act disposing of monies paid by persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

Mr. Little moved, that the further consideration of the above bill be postponed until the first Monday in Dec. next, and the question being taken thereon.

It was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time on to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act to expedite the collection of debts due the state,

And an act attaching the new purchase to the counties therein named and for other purposes; - I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

I am also directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act to amend the act prescribing the mode of changing the venue," approved Dec. 21st. 1818, to which last act they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The last mentioned bill was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until 2nd Monday in December next.

The President having signed the act to expedite the collection of debts due the state.

And the act attaching the new purchase to the counties therein named, and for other purposes; they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Holman, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to settle and adjust certain differences respecting the seat of justice in the county of Wayne,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The foregoing bill was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same lie on the table.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana.

Mr. Montgomery in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Montgomery reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, to the above resolution.

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a third time now.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time as amended and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Gray inform the House of Re-

representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

Mr. Harrison moved, that the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state, be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state."

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, to which they desire concurrence of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Senate Concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, to the above bill.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act to amend an act entitled "an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes.

And the act to amend the act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn county, passed 26th Dec. 1818; I am directed to lay them before the Senate for the signature of the President,—The Presi-

dent having signed the above acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the governor.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

2 o'clock.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill authorising the guardians of Francis V. Mc'Kee and Archibald Mc'Kee, minor children of Dr. Samuel Mc'Kee, dec'd. to sell a certain portion of the estate of the decedent.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill to amend an act relative to foreign and domestic attachments.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill to establish a state Seminary and for other purposes.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill for the relief of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, Sheriff of Clark county, and find them duly enrolled.

On motion by Mr. Drew,

Ordered That the Committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act for opening the navigation of Patoka river, and for other purposes."

Mr. Drew moved, that the further consideration of the last mentioned bill entitled "an act for opening the navigation of Patoka river, and for other purposes." be postponed until the second Monday in December next.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives desire a Committee of free conference on the subject matter of difference between the two houses, on the enrolled bill entitled “an act amendatory to an act entitled an act for assessing and collecting the revenue,” approved January 28th, 1818, and have appointed Messrs. Dunbar and Sullivan, managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and desire a similar Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Drew moved for the second reading of the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled “an act to settle and adjust certain differences respecting the seat of justice in the county of Wayne.”

It was objected on the part of the President, that in as much as the Senate had at this session rejected a bill on the same subject, it was contrary to the law of the Senate again, to legislate on the same subject at the present session. from which opinion of the President, Mr. Drew appealed to the House, and the House on account of the importance of the subject decided that the said bill should be read a second time.

Whereupon,

The same was read a second time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and the same be read a third time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate,

that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to authorize the administrators of Richard W. Heth, to sell and convey a certain portion of the estate of said deceased," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county, I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the above act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they did, on this day, lay before the Governor, for his approval and signature, the following acts, to wit:

An act to amend an act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn county, passed 26th Dec. 1818.

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act authorising the granting letters testamentary and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes."

An act to expedite the collection of debts due the state.

And an act attaching the New Purchase to the counties therein named, and for other purposes.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Hay, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives* have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act authorising the subscription of a certain number of shares to the capital stock of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

Ordered. That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read a second time.

Ordered, That it be read a third time on to morrow.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives* have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate to the act to encourage the manufacturing of Salt in this state; and then he withdrew.

A message from the *House of Representatives* by Mr. Thornton, their assistant clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the *House of Representatives* have concurred in the several amendments made in the Senate, to the joint resolution authorising the reception of certain bank paper into the treasury of the state, with an amendment to the third amendment of the Senate, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion.

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendment above named.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the *House of Representatives* thereof.

On motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Senate reconsider their vote given for the second reading of the bill locating certain permanent roads therein named, and for other purposes.

And on further motion,

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The engrossed bill from the *House of Representatives*, entitled "an act to authorise the administrators of Richard M. Heth to sell and convey a certain portion of the estate of the said deceased," was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives.

On motion,

Resolved, That in compliance with the request of the House of Representatives, a Committee of free conference be appointed on the part of the Senate, on the existing difference between the two houses, on the bill to amend an act, entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue."

Whereupon,

Messrs. Drew and Cotton were appointed that Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act to establish a State Seminary.

The act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

The act for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith.

The act authorising the guardians of Francis V. M'Kee and Archibald M'Kee, minor children of the late Doctor Samuel M'Kee, deceased, to sell a certain portion of the estate of said deceased.

And the act to amend the acts relative to foreign and domestic attachments, I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the foregoing acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Allen, a member:

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an en-

grossed bill, entitled "an act to repeal the act, entitled an act for the benefit of debtors," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the above bill be indefinitely postponed

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, January 20, 1820.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill, entitled "an act to render the proceedings on writs of mandamus and informations, in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy and effectual."

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill for the benefit of widows, and find them duly enrolled.

The Committee did also, on the 19th instant, present to the Governor, for approval and signature, the following acts, to wit:

An act to amend the acts relative to foreign and domestic attachments.

An act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county.

An act to establish a State Seminary, and for other purposes.

An act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

An act for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith.

And act for authorising the guardians of Francis V. M'Kee and Archibald M'Kee, minor children of the late Dr. Samuel M'Kee, dec'd. to sell a certain portion of the estate of said deceased.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an en-

grossed bill, entitled "an act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read the second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. John, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act for the relief of William Simms and Larkin Simms," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time to day, and passed, with an amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew inform the House of Representatives.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the Treasurer to receipt for certain monies therein named, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above joint resolution was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Morgan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew

The above resolution was read the first time to day.

When Mr. Harrison moved that the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed, and the question being taken thereon, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton. Harrison. Little, Montgomery, Pennington and Polke.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Drew and Gray,

And so the same was indefinitely postponed.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act limiting the action of ejectment," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Blake*, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act, organizing the Supreme Court, and regulating the proceedings therein," approved Dec. 23d, 1816, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew

The above act was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read a second time to-day.

Ordered, That the same lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Hill*, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the several amendments made by the Senate to the act to settle and adjust differences respecting the seat of justice in the county of Wayne; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by *Mr. Dunbar*, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act for the benefit of widows, I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the above act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

Mr. Drew from the Committee of conference on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses on the engrossed bill entitled "an act amendatory to the act for assessing and collecting the revenue," reported, that the Committee had conferred together, and they had agreed that the House of Representatives should recede

from their objections to the amendment made by the Senate, to the 5th section aforesaid, to the said bill.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act authorising the subscription of a certain number of shares to the capital stock of Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company," was read the third time to-day and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act to locate certain permanent roads therein named and for other purposes," was read the second time to-day.

On motion,

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the above bill.

Mr. Beggs in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Beggs reported, that the Committee according to order, had the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Drew moved, that the Senate concur in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole, on said bill, and the question being taken thereon.

It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant Clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act to authorise the demand and reception from the government of the United States of the nett proceeds of the three per cent. fund arising from the sales of public lands within this state," to

which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to day, when Mr. Harrison moved, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the second Monday in December next, and the yeas and nays being demanded thereon, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Beggs, Gray, Harrison, Little and Montgomery.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Baird, Cotton, Drew, Penington and Polke.

The Senate being equally divided, the President decided the same in the negative.

And so the same was lost.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Blake, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an act to revive an act entitled “an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire at Vincennes in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen,” approved Sept, 7th 1814; and then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 2 o'clock.

2 o'clock.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill amendatory to an act for assessing and collecting the revenue; approved Jan. 28th 1818.

The engrossed with the enrolled bill to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state.

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill to authorise the administrators of Richard M. Heth, dec'd. to

sell and convey a portion of the estate of said dec'd. and find them duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act to render the proceedings on writs of mandamus and information in the nature of quo warranto more speedy and effectual; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the above bill, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Blake, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on the subject of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county, to which they have made some amendments, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House of Representatives, and that Mr. Little inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act authorising the surveying the county line of Clark county."

Mr. Drew in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The president resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Drew reported, that the Committee according to order had the same under consideration, made an amendment thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments

made by the Committee of the whole, to the above bill:

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be read the third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time as amended and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion by Mr. Drew,

Ordered. That the Senate reconsider their vote given for the third reading of the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act to locate certain permanent roads therein named and for other purposes."

Mr. Drew then moved that the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read the third time to-day, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Gray, Harrison and Montgomery.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Little, Pennington and Polke.

And so it was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

The said engrossed bill entitled "an act" was read the third time to-day as amended, and the question being, shall this bill pass?

And the yeas and noes being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Cotton, Drew, Gray and Harrison.

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Little, Montgomery, Pennington and Polke, and so the said bill passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Gray inform the House of Re-

representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act to authorise the surveying the county line of Clark county.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private secretary.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the Governor did on this day approve and sign the act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

The act to amend the act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, Dearborn county, passed Dec. 26th, 1815.

And an act to amend an act entitled “an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration, and for the settlement of intestate estates and for other purposes.”

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That George White have leave to withdraw his petition and accompanying documents.

A message from the House of Representative by Mr. Morgan, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act making specific appropriations.” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read the second time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second time to-day.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-day.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to prevent extortion and malicious mischief, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison inform the H. of Representatives thereof.

The Senate according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled “an act making specific appropriations.”

Mr. Gray in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The President resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Gray reported, that they had the same under consideration, made some amendments thereto, and desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion.

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendments made to the above bill in the Committee of the whole.

On motion,

Ordered. That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a third time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time to-day as amended and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery inform the House

of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have concurred in the several amendments made by the Senate to the engrossed bill entitled “an act locating certain permanent roads therein named and for other purposes.”

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member

Mr President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act making general appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time to-day and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the H. of Representatives having signed the act amendatory to an act entitled “an act for assessing and collecting the revenue,” approved January 28th. 1818

The act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state.

The act to authorise the administrators of Richard M. Heth, dec'd. to sell and convey a portion of the estate of said dec'd.

And the act to render the proceedings on writs of

mandamus and information in the nature of quo warrant, to more speedy and effectual; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President; - The President having signed the same, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the Governor.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill for fixing the time of holding the circuit courts and for other purposes.

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill to adjust the difference respecting the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, and find them duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thompson, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act to settle and adjust differences respecting the seat of Justice in the county of Wayne, as is herein named, I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the before named bill, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. John, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act entitled "an act for the relief of William Simms and Larkin Simms;" and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the act for the benefit of the heirs of the late William Jones, deceased.

The Speaker having signed the act fixing the time for holding the Circuit Courts, and for other purposes, I am directed to lay the same before the Senate, for the signature of the President.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant clerk.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the act making specific appropriations, except the second amendment; which they have refused to concur in.

Mr. Harrison moved that the Senate adhere to said amendment, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate recede from their second amendment made to said bill.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Elwing, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, for the redress of grievances, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above resolution was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read the second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time to day,

And the question being put, shall the bill pass? it was decided in the negative, and so the bill was negatived.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled

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an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, and distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over," in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The foregoing bill was read the first time to-day.

Mr. Harrison moved that the further consideration of the same, be indefinitely postponed, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time to day, and passed.

Ordered. That Mr. Morrison inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act defining the duties of the trustees of incorporated towns, and for other purposes." to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant clerk.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act authorising John F. Thompson to sell a certain tract of land, lying and being in Sullivan county, and belonging to the estate of the late Martin Bowles, deceased."

And a joint resolution authorising the Secretary of state to subscribe for certain reports of cases in law, and in Chancery, therein named, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, and then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow, 8 o'clock.

Friday Morning January 21, 1820.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The President having signed the act fixing the time for holding the Circuit Courts, and for other purposes, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

Mr. Pennington moved to amend the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled an act organizing the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice therein," by adding the following:

"The sheriff of Harrison county shall attend upon the said court, during the terms thereof, and shall receive two dollars per day for his attendance thereon, and the said sheriff shall serve all process issued from said court, for which he shall receive similar fees to those that are allowed him for like services rendered in the Circuit Courts.

It shall be the duty of the present sheriff of Harrison county, as soon as this act shall take effect, and of every succeeding sheriff of said county, before he enters upon the duties of his office, to execute to the Governor of this state, and his successors in office, a bond with security, to be approved of by the Governor of this state, in the sum of one thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of the duty of his office, of the said Supreme Court, which bond shall be lodged in the office of the Secretary of State, for the benefit of those who shall be aggrieved by the negligence or misconduct of said sheriff."

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Whereupon,

The same was read the third time to day, and the question being put, shall the bill pass? it was decided in the negative.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representa-

tives, entitled "an act to authorise the demand and reception from the Government of the United States, of the nett proceeds of the three per cent. fund, arising from the sale of public lands in this state," was read the second time to day, when

Mr. Harrison moved that the further consideration thereof, be indefinitely postponed, and the yeas and nays being demanded by two members, those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baird, Beggs, Gray, Harrison, Little and Montgomery

And in the negative, were

Messrs. Cotton, Drew, Pennington and Polke.

And so the same was indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act limiting the action of ejectment," was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time to-day, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Cotton inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act authorising John F. Thompson to sell a certain tract of land, lying and being in Sullivan county, and belonging to the estate of the late Martin Bowles, deceased," was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof, be indefinitely postponed.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act to establish the permanent northern boundary line of Daviess county, I am

directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the before named act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

The joint resolution authorising the Secretary of state to subscribe for certain reports of cases at law, and in chancery, therein named, was read the first time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act defining the duties of the trustees of incorporated towns, and for other purposes," was read the first time to day.

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read the second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time, and the question being, shall the bill pass? it was decided in the negative, and so the same was rejected.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Thornton, their assistant clerk.

Mr. President;—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to amend the act, regulating the inspection of flour, beef, and pork," to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above bill was read the first time to-day, when

Mr. Pennington moved that the same be indefinitely postponed, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, and so the same was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they did, on this day, lay before the Governor, for his approval and signature, the following acts:

An act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state.

An act for the benefit of widows.

An act to render the proceedings on writs of mandamus and informations, in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy and effectual.

An act to authorise the administrators of Richard M. Heth, deceased, to sell and convey a certain portion of the estate of said deceased.

An act to settle and adjust differences, respecting the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, as are herein named.

An act amendatory to an act, entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," approved January 28, 1818.

And an act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts, and for other purposes.

Mr. Cotton moved that the Senate reconsider their vote given on the postponement of the act to amend the act prescribing the mode of changing the venue, approved December the 31st, 1818, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 3 o'clock.

Friday, 2 o'clock.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they did, on this day, lay before the Governor, for his approval and signature, an act to establish the northern boundary line of Daviess county.

The Committee has also compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill to prevent extortion and malicious mischief, and for other purposes.

The enrolled with the engrossed joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

The enrolled with the engrossed joint resolution authorising the reception of certain bank paper into the treasury.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill making specific appropriations.

The enrolled with the engrossed bill making general appropriations for the year 1830.

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill locating certain permanent roads therein named, and for other purposes, and find them duly enrolled

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act for taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above the age of twenty one years in this state.

An act to revive an act, entitled “an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered, or may hereafter suffer, by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire at Vincennes, in the year 1814,” approved 7th September, 1814.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of the late William Jones, deceased

And a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on the subject of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county. I am directed to lay them before the Senate for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the before named acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

Mr. Drew asked and obtained leave, to introduce a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the Governor to draw a part of the three per cent. fund, which was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read the second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second and third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew inform the House of Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private secretary.

Mr. President,—I am directed by the Governor, to deliver the Senate the following message in writing:

To the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana.

Herewith I lay before the General Assembly, copies of a letter addressed to the Governor of Kentucky, renewing my demand of Robert Stephens, James Thompson, and Jesse Young, as fugitives from the justice of this state; which concludes, on my part, the correspondence with his Excellency on this subject.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

January 21st, 1820.

STATE OF INDIANA.

Executive Office.

CORYDON, JANUARY 21st, 1820.

His Excellency Gabriel Slaughter,

SIR—Herewith I have the honor to renew my demand of Robert Stephens, James Thompson and Jesse Young, as fugitives from the justice of this state; and have intrusted such demand, on its behalf, together with the accompanying documents, to a person in whom I have thought proper to place that confidence.

Since I addressed you my last letter, I have personally examined the original indictments on file, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of this county, under the immediate jurisdiction of which the indictments were found; and discover that the originals shew that every requisite of the law had been complied with, to evince that there was "evidence that they were found by the Grand Jury."

In your Excellency's letter of the 11th ultimo, it is intimated, that the conflicting policy of different states renders it, in some instances, a matter of difficult and delicate interference, and demands, in all cases, a compliance with the requisites of the law, before a citizen of one state should be deprived of his liberty, and unheard sent to another for trial. How this clashing policy can render it a matter of difficult and delicate interference to comply with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, which do not seem to require technical nicety in the evidence of a criminal charge, to support the demand of fugitives from Justice, is not easy to be comprehended. Although the documents which accompanied my former application, were considered insufficient by your Excellency, to support that demand, I persuade myself, that no objections will be made to the present; especially, when reference is had to the assurance given in the latter clause of your first letter on this subject.

In your last communication, you state, that the decision which you had formed, on the demand, arose not from any alleged circumstance of the case, but would have governed on a similar application from any *other* state, or for any other alleged crime. This assurance was entirely unnecessary, as my respect for your Excellency's character, precludes the idea, that in the discharge of the duties of your exalted station, you would suffer the circumstances of any case, or the source of any demand of this nature, to divert you from that line of conduct, which is marked out by the paramount authorities of the United States: or for a moment to permit partial distinctions to render you forgetful of the rights which the state of Indiana can never consent to relinquish. From a review of the correspondence emanating on my part, I can discover no portion of it, which will bear a construction so degrading to the government over which I have the honor to preside.

With your Excellency likewise, I shall forbear making any particular remarks on the circumstances

marking the transaction which gave rise to the request, as they would not be otherwise than unpleasant to your feelings; and inasmuch as the Constitution and Laws of the United States are entirely silent as to the time when a demand shall be made: in relation to time, therefore, connected with this subject, upon which your Excellency has thought proper to criticise, allow me to take this occasion to inform you, that I shall hold myself accountable only to the Government and citizens, whom in this instance, I represent.

While the duties of my station compel me to urge the present application for the fugitives in question, permit me to assure your Excellency, that I shall, on all occasions, cultivate the friendly intercourse and urbanity of feeling between the sister states, on which the welfare of the Union so essentially depends. An object no less than the punishment and prevention of crimes, seems to have given rise to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, and the laws to enforce them, on the subject of bringing to trial persons charged with offences in one state, and having fled to another. Yet their well meant provisions will not only fall short of their object, but will themselves prove sources of discord and dissention, unless they are observed in good faith, by the respective parties concerned in their execution. It is not denied, that the executive applied to, is, in some measure, to judge of the sufficiency of the document, on which the demand of the arrest of a citizen is founded; but it is contended that his right ceases whenever it is ascertained that such document is a copy of an indictment found, or an affidavit made, before the proper authorities, charging the person or persons demanded, with having committed treason, felony, or other crime, certified as authentic by the proper authority of the state or territory from which the person or persons so charged, shall have fled. Such a document attends this application; and it is confidently believed, that your Excellency will render the persons charged, to take their trial under the laws of

this state, leaving it to them and to their counsel to avail themselves of technical informalities, if any exist, in the instrument on which they shall be arraigned.

It would seem that fugitives from the justice of either of the states should, by the Constitution and Laws of the United States, be delivered up, and *unheard* sent for trial to the state or territory from whence such person or persons shall have fled, whether the indictment be defective or otherwise, with as much propriety as that any person, upon a defective indictment, should, unheard, be apprehended and brought to trial, if found within the proper bailwick of a sheriff.

With great respect, I have the
honor to be your Excellency's
obedient humble servant.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted a joint resolution of the General Assembly relative to banks, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

The above joint resolution was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read the second time.

And Mr. Montgomery moved to amend the same by inserting after the word 'band,' in the sixteenth line the following: "or have actually been paid in, on capital stock since the commencement of their charter," and to add at the foot of the resolution, the following, "any of the said chartered banks of this state, failing to comply with the requisitions of this act, their charters shall be deemed forfeited," and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, and the same be-

ing read a third time as amended, was passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery inform the H. Representatives thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Hunbar, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the Governor to draw a part of the three per cent. fund, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate concur in the amendment made by the House of Representatives to the before named resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Drew inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act vacating certain permanent roads therein named, and for other purposes; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President;— The President having signed the above named act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the governor.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that they have compared the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions, with the engrossed, and find them truly enrolled, to wit:

A joint resolution authorising the Secretary of state, to subscribe for certain reports of cases at law and in chancery therein named.

An act limiting the action of ejectment.

An act authorising the subscription of a certain number of shares to the capital stock of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company.

An act for the relief of William Simms, and Larkin Simms.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over."

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act limiting the action of ejectment.

The act to amend the act entitled "an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over."

And a joint resolution authorising the Secretary of state, to subscribe for certain reports of cases in law and in chancery therein named; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate, for the signature of the President;... The President having signed the before mentioned acts they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the treasurer to receipt for certain monies therein named.

The joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana.

The act making General appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty

And an act to prevent extortion and malicious mischief, and for other purposes; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President;... The President having signed the before named acts, they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the governor.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that they had compared the enrolled with the en-

grossed joint resolution of the General Assembly, authorising the governor to draw part of the three per cent. fund, and find it duly enrolled,

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, providing for the safe keeping of the Stationary of the General Assembly, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said resolution was read the first time to-day.

Ordered, That the rules be dispensed with, and that the same be read a second and third time to-day.

Whereupon,

The same was read as amended and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Milroy, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have refused to concur in the amendments made by the Senate, to the engrossed joint resolution from the House of Representatives, on the subject of banks; and then he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That the Senate insist upon their amendments to said resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Beggs inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act for the relief of William Simms, and Larkin Simms.

And the act for the limitation of criminal prosecutions; I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President;---The President

having signed said acts, they were handed to the Committee for enrolled bills to lay before the Governor.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 7 o'clock.

And the Senate adjourned.

Saturday Morning, January 22d. 1820.

The Senate assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that they did on the 21st instant lay before the Governor for his approval and signature, the following acts and joint resolutions, to wit:

An act limiting the action of ejectment.

An act for the relief of William Simms and Larkin Simms.

An act for the limitation of criminal prosecutions.

A joint resolution to authorise the Secretary of state to subscribe for certain reports of cases in law and in chancery, therein named.

An act to amend the act entitled "an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over."

An act making general appropriations for the year 1820.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the Treasurer to receipt for certain monies therein named.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana.

An act to prevent extortion and malicious mischief and for other purposes.

An act making specific appropriations.

And an act locating certain permanent roads therein named.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar, a member.

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act authorising the subscription of a certain number of shares to the capital stock of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company;—I am directed to lay the same before the Senate for the signature of the President;—The President having signed the above named act, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Warner, a member.

Mr. President.—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives adhere to their objections to the amendments made by the Senate, to the joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana respecting banks; and then he withdrew

On motion.

Ordered, That the Senate adhere to their amendments made to the above named joint resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Drew from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that they had compared the enrolled joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, providing for the safe keeping of the stationary of the General Assembly.

And the enrolled with the engrossed bill authorising the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed, and find them duly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Merrill, a member.

Mr. President.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the act, authorising the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed;—I am directed to lay the same before the Senate, for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the before named bills

they were delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills, to be laid before the Governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Ross, a member

Mr. President,—The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, providing for the safe keeping of the stationary of the General Assembly;—I am directed to lay the same before the Senate, for the signature of the President.

The President having signed the before mentioned joint resolution, it was delivered to the Committee for enrolled bills to be laid before the governor.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Sullivan, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the House of Representatives, to act with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two houses of the General Assembly are about to adjourn, and inquire if he has any farther communication to make before their adjournment, and that they have appointed Messrs. Sullivan and Evans that Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the Senate, to act with a similar Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two houses of the General Assembly are about to adjourn, and inquire of him if he has any further communication to make before their adjournment.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pennington and Harrison were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Drew, from the Committee for enrolled bills, re-

ported, that they did, on this day, lay before the Governor, for his approval and signature, the following acts and joint resolutions, to wit:

An act authorising the subscription of a certain number of shares to the capital stock of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the Governor to draw a part of the three per cent. fund.

An act for taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years in this state.

An act to revive an act, entitled "an act for the relief of such persons who have suffered, or may hereafter suffer, by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire at Vincennes, in the year 1814," approved 7th September, 1814.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of the late William Jones, deceased.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on the subject of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county.

An act to authorise the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed.

And a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, providing for the safe keeping of the stationary of the General Assembly.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Dunbar, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have requested Dr. Benjamin Adams to close the present General Assembly with a prayer, and I am directed to request the attendance of the Senate in the Representatives Hall, to attend that solemn duty.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate attend in the Representatives Hall for the above named purpose.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon, his private secretary.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, that the Governor did, on this day, approve and sign the following acts and joint resolutions, to wit:

An act taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years in this state.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of the late William Jones, deceased.

An act to revive an act, entitled "an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered, or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire at Vincennes, in the year 1814." approved Sept. 7, 1814.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on the subject of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county.

And a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the Governor to draw a part of the three per cent. fund, which originated in the Senate; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Harrison, from the Committee appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that the General Assembly are about to adjourn, and to know of him if he has any further communication to make them, reported, that they have performed that duty, and received for answer, that his Excellency has no further communication to make.

On motion.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be informed that the Senate have gone through their Legislative business, and are now ready to adjourn sine die.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Graham, a member.

Mr. President,—I am directed to inform the Senate, the House of Representatives have gone through their business, and are ready to adjourn *sine die*.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn *sine die*.

H. HURST, Secretary.



